



Sweetwater/Sublette County E-News

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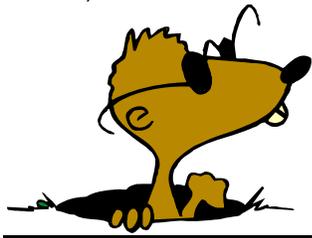
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

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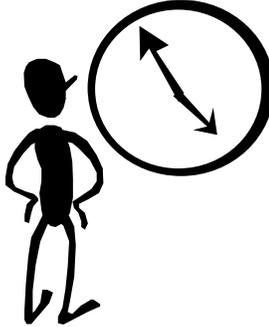
MOLES:

Machinery, Operating,
Livestock, Expansion and
Starting Out Loans

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM

307.856.7524



TICK, TOCK, TICK, TOCK

2012 NAP Purchase Deadline is Approaching!

NAP is available for crops which crop insurance is not available for. It protects the producer against catastrophic losses. The deadline to purchase NAP for forage (hay), pasture, honey and wheat (winter & spring for forage) is **December 1, 2011**. The fee for NAP is \$250 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750. For producers with interest in multiple counties, the total fee cannot exceed \$1,875.

To participate in Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Emergency Assistance Program for Livestock (ELAP), producers must purchase crop insurance on all insurable crops (except LFP) and NAP on all non-insurable crops (required for all). As of right now, these programs have not been authorized for the 2012 crop year by Congress.

Producers who have 2011 NAP policies may choose continuous coverage on the same crops for 2011. Continuous coverage does not require a new CCC-471, Application for Coverage, to be signed. HOWEVER, if you want to add/delete a crop a new CCC-471 must be filed and signed.

To qualify for NAP benefits and continuous disaster programs the producer must:

1. Timely file acreage reports
2. **File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent**
3. Report production records to the County Office.

Continuous coverage reminder letters have been mailed to all 2011 NAP policyholders. Call the county office for more information and to get your 2012 NAP policy.

**Stack ‘em, Count ‘em, Report ‘em
Keep Your APH up in case of disaster
conditions!**

While it’s still fresh in your mind, swing by the office, (or send in), and report your 2011 hay production. Your 2011 production will be combined with previous years’ production to calculate an APH for 2012 NAP policies.

Actual hay production is used to calculate your NAP APH (actual production history) which will be used to calculate your payment should there be a disaster in the coming years. If you fail to report production for just one year it could significantly lower your APH and your potential payment!

Actual production evidence should include bale count, average weight, and type of hay. The statement should be signed and dated by the producer.



Additionally, if you missed turning in past years’ production you can “replace” those missed years by turning in the production records from those years. The production will be applied for the 2012 APH.

IRS Forms

REMINDER: Any person, entity or entity member MUST file a CCC-931 with the IRS to be in compliance.

If you did not file the IRS form for the 2009 and/or 2010 year, you may be required to pay back payments that have been earned.

We have a list of producers who haven’t filed or there are problems with your filed paperwork. If you think you may not be in compliance with the IRS filing requirement, contact the County Office immediately.



*in your 2011 COC
Election*

Committee members are a vital component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

2011 LAAs Holding Elections

- **Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1**
- Sweetwater County, south of Interstate 80.
- Position is currently held by Bob Anderson of McKinnon

- **Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3**
- Sublette County, east of US Hwy 191.
- Position is currently vacant.

Ballots will be mailed on November 4, 2011. Ballots must be returned by December 5, 2011

**NOTICE
TO HISPANIC
AND/OR
WOMEN
FARMERS OR
RANCHERS**

**COMPENSATION
FOR CLAIMS OF
DISCRIMINATION**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov

The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.



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2010 SURE Sign-up

Signup for the 2010 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) will begin on November 14, 2011. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. There are no late file provisions. All applications must be filed by June 1, 2012. For SURE, all crops must be covered by crop insurance, NAP or eligible for waivers.

A farm enrolled in SURE is eligible when either:

- a portion of the farm is located in a county covered by a qualifying natural disaster declaration (USDA Secretarial Declarations only) or a contiguous county; or,
- actual production is less than 50% of the normal production.

Sweetwater and Sublette County are contiguous to a county that received a Secretarial Disaster Designation in 2010, making producers with all crops in all counties covered by crop insurance or NAP insurance eligible for SURE disaster assistance payments. Grazing lands are excluded from the insurance requirement.

Am I Eligible?????

To be eligible for 2010 SURE in Sweetwater and/or Sublette County you need to meet the following requirements:

- have NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops or crop insurance on all insurable crops (including alfalfa)
- meet general eligibility requirements (AGI, US citizenship, share of risk, timely filed crop report)

AND

- have a 10% loss on at least one crop of economic significance

Sign-up Days

Sign-up days will be held in Pinedale, Big Piney, McKinnon and Farson. You will get a card in the mail with the date and an AM or PM appointment. **If** you meet the eligibility requirements please call and make an appointment or stop by the sign-up day!

SURE Sign-up Days

McKinnon Weed & Pest	December 1, 2011
Pinedale NRCS Office	December 6, 2011
Big Piney Library	December 8, 2011
Rock Springs FSA Office	Anytime (call for appt.)



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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

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- **November 14** – 2010 SURE sign-up begins
- **December 5** – Deadline to return COC election ballots to County Office
- **January 30** – Deadline to file 2011 ELAP application for payment
- **January 30** – Deadline to file 2011 LIP application for payment
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)
- **Anytime** – abnormal weather conditions including drought, flood etc.

*office closed
Happy Thanksgiving
November 24*



**THANK A
VETERAN!
OFFICE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 11**

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