



# Sweetwater/Sublette County News

**MAY 2012**

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Hours

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

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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**

## 2012 CROP REPORTING

It's that time of year again; time to file your 2012 crop report. Acresage reports are required for participation in most FSA programs. The deadline for filing crop reports is **July 1, 2012**. This year we are planning off-site days to make the crop reporting process more convenient for you. You will receive an appointment card in the mail. **If you do not receive a card or miss your appointment, please call the office to schedule a time that will work for you.**

Late filed crop reports will be assessed a fee.

We will also be completing other necessary FSA paperwork at this time. We will complete 2012 eligibility paperwork, update address/bank information, NAP APH and DCP sign-up (Sweetwater only).

**Watch for your appointment card for your scheduled time and date in the mail.** Appointments will be held on the following dates and locations.

**May 22 – Farson Firehall (DCP contracts)**

**June 5 – McKinnon Weed & Pest Office**

**June 14 – Farson Firehall**

**Anytime – Rock Springs Service Center**



### DCP/ACRE Deadline Fast Approaching



2012 DCP/ACRE sign-up is available to producers through June 1, 2012. Please stop by the office to sign-up for direct payments. Producers in the Farson area will also be able to sign DCP contracts at the Farson crop reporting day on May 22, 2012.

## Farmers & Ranchers

### Serving

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The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is important that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

2012 Elections will be held in 1 Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAA #4 in Sublette County is currently represented by Penny Chrisman; this area is west of US 191.

Please contact the office for a nomination form. Nominations are due to the County Office no later than August 1, 2012.



## 2012 Election Schedule

- August 1** Deadline to submit nomination form (FSA-669A)
- November 5** Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters
- December 3** Ballots must be returned (or postmarked) to the County Office
- December 10** Deadline to count ballots – open to the public

### Where do I get a nomination form?

Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the County Office at 307.362.3062 ext. 2. OR by downloading the form online at:

[http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0669A\\_120222V01.pdf](http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0669A_120222V01.pdf)



# ATTENTION

## NAP PRODUCERS

### IMPORTANT DEADLINE CHANGE

Recently Congress directed FSA and RMA to coordinate acreage reporting deadlines as a convenience to producers.

The result is the new acreage reporting deadline for 2013 fall crops has moved to November 15, 2012, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture).

The deadline change has a **BIG** impact on the NAP program. The crop reporting deadline change also moves the deadline for reporting production and application for payment of crop losses on 2012 hay is November 15, 2012.

That means that the County Office will need your signed/dated bale count prior to November 15, 2012 so that we can get that information entered into the system and have your FSA-452 available for you to sign when we come to meet you for crop reporting.

**A WHOLE LOT EARLIER THAN PAST YEARS!!**  
So, as soon as you finish baling, please turn your bale count records to the County Office and we'll assist you in completing your FSA-452, production report.

### **THERE ARE NO LATE FILED PROVISIONS.**

The County Committee will assign a yield for any NAP crop for which production was NOT reported timely. Assigned yields usually reduce your actual yield

**A reduced proven yield results in reduced payment on losses.**

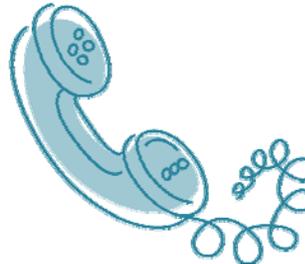
## Filing for NAP Losses

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting. It may be completed by any producer with an interest in the covered crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the County FSA Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Even if you believe your losses are less than 50%, you can still file a notice of loss as there may be other programs available to provide loss assistance, at a later date.



**Stay In Touch.....with your County Office Staff!**



Remember to call your County Office if you are experiencing anything that isn't "normal" such as drought, heavy snow/rain, extreme heat/cold, higher than normal livestock death loss, higher than normal feed purchases etc. In many cases there is a limited amount of time for you to report these losses to the County Office to be considered to have a timely filed notice of loss. Remember....we don't know if you don't tell us!



## NAP Appraisals

If you have hay fields that are not productive enough to hay due to drought, please notify the County Office before you turn livestock out to graze them. We will get an appraisal on the hay losses to calculate your NAP payment eligibility.



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**2012 Crop Reporting Sign-up**

May 22 – Farson Firehall

June 2 – McKinnon Weed/Pest

June 14 – Farson Firehall

**IMPORTANT NAP CHANGES**

COC election information

NAP hay & graze losses



**WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER**

**August 1** – Deadline to file COC election nominations

**15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)

**Anytime** – abnormal weather conditions including drought, flood etc.

**Anytime** – abnormal livestock losses

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*for your crop reporting appointment card in the mail!*

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