

**NOVEMBER 2012**

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Hours

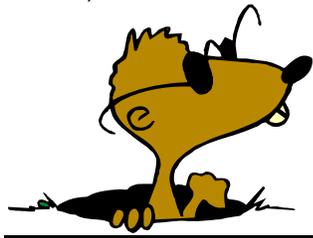
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Jim Hodder  
Bob Anderson  
Penny Chrisman  
Pete Arambel

Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED  
Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT  
Mike Hoffland, DD



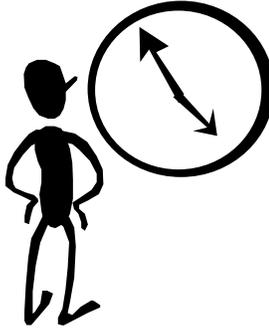
MOLES:

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,  
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**2013 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, 2012**. 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 2013 crop year by Congress because a Farm Bill has not been passed.**

Producers who have 2012 NAP policies may choose continuous coverage on the same crops for 2012. 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 2012 NAP policyholders. Call the county office for more information and to get your 2013 NAP policy.

## COC Elections

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 Area (LAA). LAA #4 in Sublette County is currently represented by Penny Chrisman; this area is west of US 191.



## 2012 Election Schedule

- 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

Don't forget to



## Deadline Changes

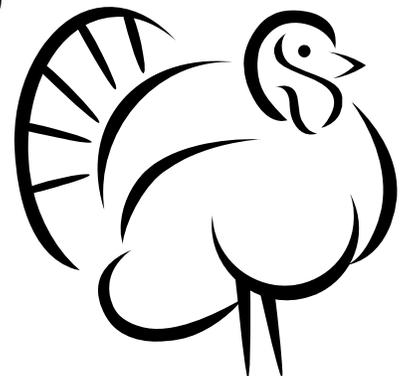
Annual crop reporting (where you review maps and report intended use of grazing and hay on lands you operate on) has been moved to the fall.

If you have not reported for crop year 2013, contact the office make an appointment!

Crop reports are required for program participation and there are late-file fees if they are not filed timely.



Happy Thanksgiving!



## 2012 Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for Fire



ECP is designed to provide cost-share assistance to producers who have suffered severe damage to farm and ranch lands as a result of a natural disaster, such as wind erosion, water erosion, floods, tornados, or, in some cases drought. The damage must be severe enough that it would be too costly for the producer to repair without Federal assistance.

Policy clarification has made it possible for FSA to cost-share on fences damaged by the Fontenelle fire in Sublette County, regardless of where they are located (BLM, FS, private) so long as the burden of cost has been placed on the producer. Sublette County has been approved, but has not received funding at this time, understand that filing an application **does not** guarantee

assistance.

Producers will need to know how many feet (miles) of fence that will need to be replaced or has been replaced. COF staff will also be conducting on-site inspections before payment is made.

The sign-up period for 2012 ECP applications begins on **September 15** and ends on **November 14**.



### **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 2012 hay production. Your 2012 production will be combined with previous years’ production to calculate an APH for 2013 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 2013 APH.





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**SIGN-UP DAYS SCHEDULE**

**WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER**

- **November 5** – Ballots mailed to eligible voters for 2011 COC election
- **November 12** – Office Closed; Veterans' Day
- **November 14 AM** – Sign-up Day – Pinedale
- **November 14 PM** – Sign-up Day – Big Piney
- **November 14** - Deadline to file ECP-fire (fence damage)
- **November 15** – Sign-up Day – Farson
- **November 22** – Office Closed; Happy Thanksgiving!
- **December 3** – Deadline to return election ballots
- **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.

***In Case You Missed Us.....***

If you missed us when we held out-of-office sign-up days earlier this year....We will be in your neck of the woods again! Call for an appointment if you need to file 2012 NAP losses, application for payment, 2013 NAP or 2012 ECP fire.

**November 14 AM:** Pinedale NRCS Conference Room

**November 14 PM:** Big Piney Library Large Room

**November 15:** Farson @ Bonnie's House

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