

Sweetwater-Sublette-Uinta

NEWSLETTER



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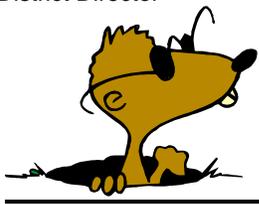
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

County Committee

Pete Arambel - Sublette
Penny Chrisman - Sublette
Bob Anderson - Sweetwater
Shirley DeLambert - Sweetwater
Kirk Eyre - Uinta
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Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, County Director
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Aron Wright, Program Tech
Lee Craig, District Director



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

IMPORTANT DEADLINE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Congress passed the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) which authorized the availability of permanent livestock disaster programs for America's farmers and ranchers. In addition to being a permanent part of the farm bill, programs are authorized to cover losses back to 2012.

LFP provides compensation for eligible livestock producers who have suffered a grazing loss due to drought or qualifying fire, but not both. The amount of the payment is based on the severity of the drought as determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Congressionally mandated payment reductions will take effect on October 1, 2014, commonly known as sequestration. LFP payments are subject to sequestration reductions. Sequestration reductions will be equal to 7.3% of the earned payment. Ranchers who call the office to get on a "register" will not have their payments reduced even if they complete the application process after October 1, 2014.

Call the office prior to October 1, 2014 to avoid sequestration of your 2012 and 2013 LFP payments.

Please see the following pages for more information about the various livestock disaster programs that were authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

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Livestock Forage Program (LFP)

LFP provides compensation for eligible livestock producers who have suffered a grazing loss due to drought or qualifying fire, but not both. The amount of the payment is based on the severity of the drought as determined by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Payments are equal to 60% of the lesser of the monthly feed cost of:

- All covered livestock owned and leased by the eligible producer
- Or normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible producers.

The following table summarizes the number of monthly payments that each county has qualified for in 2012 and 2013.

County	2012	2013
Sweetwater	4 months	4 months
Sublette	4 months	4 months
Uinta	4 months	1 month

What do I need to apply?

At minimum, a producer will need the following information to apply for LFP

- Copies of BLM and/or Forest Service permits
- Livestock inventory numbers, broken out by class
- Copies of sale barn documents for livestock that were sold due to drought
- Completed eligibility paperwork for each applicant or member of the applying entity
- Updated farm records and acreage reports
- Copies of written leases (or CCC-855) for leased pasture

When Can I apply?

The application sign-up period is April 15, 2014 through January 30, 2015.

If you would like to sign-up for LFP, please call the office at 307.362.3062 x2, to make an appointment at the location nearest you. We will schedule additional out-of-office sign-up days as needed. Producers are always welcome to sign-up at the Rock Springs USDA Service Center at any time; however, we advise that producers call ahead to make sure that we will be able to serve them in a timely manner.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered death losses in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather conditions or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or are protected by federal law. LIP payments are equal to 75% of the market value (as determined by the Secretary).

What do I need to apply?

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that died including, but not limited to, pictures, purchase records, vet records, bank/loan documents, contracts, tax documents, insurance documents etc.
- Documentation of inventory numbers prior to the losses and ending inventory numbers by livestock type.

When Can I apply?

Date of Livestock Loss	Date to file Notice of Loss	Date to file Application for Payment
October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014	January 30, 2015	January 30, 2015
2015 & subsequent years	30 days after death is apparent	January 30 of each year

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)

ELAP provides up to \$20 million per fiscal year for emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish. ELAP covers losses due to eligible adverse weather conditions. ELAP covers losses that are not otherwise covered by LFP or LIP.

Eligible livestock losses that may be covered by ELAP include

- Livestock death losses
- Grazing losses
- Feed losses – of purchased feed, harvested feed, additional costs to transport feed to livestock, purchase of additional feed during eligible weather condition
- Water hauling

When Can I apply?

Date of Livestock Loss (Program Year)	Date to file Notice of Loss	Date to file Application for Payment
2012	August 1, 2014	August 1, 2014
2013	August 1, 2014	August 1, 2014
2014	November 1, 2014	November 1, 2014
2015 & subsequent years	30 days after loss is apparent	November 1 after the program year that loss occurred

If you think you have eligible losses under the ELAP program, please contact the County Office at your earliest convenience.

General Information

Payment Limitation – No person or legal entity, excluding a joint venture or general partnership, may receive directly or indirectly, more than \$125,000 total in program payments under LFP, ELAP and LIP combined.

Multiple Benefits – The applicant may not receive benefits for the same loss under ELAP, LFP and/or LIP. Starting in crop year 2014, the applicant may not receive benefits under Catastrophic Risk Protection (CAT) or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and ELAP, LFP and LIP. The applicant must choose.

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Livestock Disaster Programs

Water Hauling



WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

October 1 – Deadline for LFP Register

January 30 – Deadline to file 2012 & 2013 LFP applications

Immediately – Water hauling and drought conditions

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

ROCK SPRINGS OFFICE NOW SERVING UINTA COUNTY

Uinta County Director, Karey Clark has retired from FSA. Due to budget and personnel constraints her position will not be filled at this time. Until further notice, all Uinta County FSA business will be serviced by the Sweetwater/Sublette County office in Rock Springs. Staff from Rock Springs will be available to assist producers by mail, e-mail and phone at any time. We will also be available, on an as needed basis in the Lyman USDA Service Center. We look forward to working with you. You can contact Jennifer, Bonnie or Aron via mail 79 Winston Dr. Ste. 110, Rock Springs, WY 82901 or via phone at 307-362-3062 x2. You may also e-mail us at jennifer.dutton@wy.usda.gov - bonnie.hueckestadet@wy.usda.gov or aron.wright@wy.usda.gov

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