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**2009 County Committee Election Results**

Mrs. Andrea L. Rollins was elected as the newest FSA County Committee member during the December 2009 election. Mrs. Rollins will be the representative from LAA#3 (Lyman School District Boundary) area. Mrs. Rollins served for the prior eight years as advisor to the Committee. Mrs. Rollins officially assumed her position effective January 01, 2010. Thank you to Mrs. Rollins for her willingness to be a candidate.

Mr. Kirk L. Eyre will serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate to the Committee. A special “Thank You” to Mr. Eyre for his service on the County Committee the prior three years and for running as a candidate in the 2009 election.

Thank you to the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works because of your participation.

The Uinta County FSA Committee held there organizational meeting for January and the following were elected to their individual positions: Mr. Wes Lupher, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Andrea L. Rollins, Vice-Chairperson; with Mr. Lyle Robinson serving as Regular Member.

**Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) Program  
 Deadline is April 01, 2010... Applications are being accepted now.**

**Effective November 25, 2009, the 2010 (and subsequent years) application signup deadline for ALL non-insurable crops is now April 1<sup>st</sup> of each crop year. Producers may still apply for Year 2010 NAP coverage up through the April 01, 2010 established deadline date! This gives you, the producer, a better feel for what type of year may be ahead; dry, wet, how irrigation water looks, range condition going into May turnout, etc. You will still be required to pay the fee at the time of application and complete all necessary documents for the program year.**

Remember that the NAP coverage fee is \$250 per crop type, \$250 for hay forage and \$250 for grazing coverage. I encourage you to contact FSA to file a 2010 NAP application early and prior to April 01, 2010. No late-file applications will be accepted!

NAP Participants are also required to file forage production reports to comply with their NAP application coverage. 2009 forage production reports for each crop will be accepted now and through the crop acreage reporting deadline of July 01, 2010. We encourage you to report your 2009 harvested production now while it is still fresh on your mind.

**First time NAP applicants** will need to submit at least the prior four years of production records to aide in establishing your NAP program yield. This will be the figure used to calculate any potential benefits should you the producer sustains more than a 50% percent loss. You must stand the first 50% of any loss as required by the NAP program policy.

NAP is the program that you must file your Notice of Loss within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster becomes apparent. Filing a Notice of Loss is essential for loss application processing. Form CCC-471 is the Notice of Loss document to be filed.

**\*\*\* ELIGIBILITY for FSA FARM PROGRAMS now requires the purchase of either Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage to meet the eligibility requirements of most FSA programs, this action is the result of the 2008 Farm Bill. Without this coverage you may find yourself “ineligible” to participate in most FSA programs.**

## Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) is underway. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payment to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary must have suffered at least 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops.

\* If there is no Secretarial Disaster Designation, (which Uinta County did NOT have in 2008) individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide. (All farms, all crops in any county or state, nationwide.)

You may learn more information on the new SURE program at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. A fact sheet along with Question and Answers is also available at this site. A SURE calculator is available at: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/sure\\_calculator\\_2008.xls](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/sure_calculator_2008.xls). The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use.

## LDP Deadline/Information for Wool, Mohair and Unshorn Lam Pelts

Eligible producers had until February 01, 2010, to apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for unshorn pelts, wool, and mohair produced during the 2009.

For year 2010 Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) producers are reminded that they must file CCC-633-EZ page 1, *BEFORE* they lose beneficial interest in the wool marketed. The county office staff will be mailing the CCC-633EZ, page 1, to producers for their signature and return. If you do not receive page 1, and wish to file for wool LDP, please contact the office promptly. 2010 Wool LDP applicants will have until January 31, 2011 to file for the Wool LDP payment provided they have filed page 1 of the CCC 633-EZ prior to selling the wool or maintain control or beneficial interest in the wool not yet marketed.

## Signup for 2010 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

DCP applicant's have until June 01, 2010, to timely file CCC-509. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. CCC-509 will not be approved until all required signatures are affixed to the contract. It is the producer's responsibility to timely file the DCP application for 2010. County office staff will mail out the eligible application information to the affected individuals.

## Attention – All Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that all buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the seller. Ag products include but are not limited to: Livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment, and all other crops. Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a buyer! You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at (307) 777-7311.

## Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U. S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

## 2010 Crop Acreage Reporting of Intended Use

We will be working on the 2010 Crop Acreage Reports of Intended Use. We hope to be able to do most of these by mail. However, with the new farm bill we may need to have producers come into the county office to complete the acreage report. The acreage reports are required for most Farm Service Agency programs. Filing an **accurate and complete** report of *ALL* crops and land uses, including grazed acreage is important for future program participation and benefits.

***Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) participants are required to file a 2010 Crop Acreage Report of Intended Use.  
The acreage reporting deadline is July 01, 2010***

## **Important Annual Notifications**

### ***Uinta COC Meeting Date and Time Established***

The Uinta County FSA Committee set the third Wednesday of the month, as needed. The meetings will begin at 1:00 P.M. This action was recorded during the January 13, 2010, County Committee Organizational Meeting.

### ***FSA Direct Deposit Changes***

Remember to notify FSA if you have changed bank accounts or your bank ownership has changed. Payments are made by direct deposit to the bank account FSA has on file. Payments are delayed if you have made changes and you have not informed FSA. We have received notification of a few in the last year that are out of date. Please keep us informed.

### ***FSA Payments Reported to the Internal Revenue Service***

By law, FSA must report all program payments, earned by producers, to the Internal Revenue Service. Producers who received payments in 2009 should have received a notice (CCC-1099-G). This notification states the amount of the program payments received. If you need additional information contact the County Office.

### ***Farm Record Changes***

If you have bought, sold, or are leasing different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible as they occur. Land ownership changes require that you provide a recorded deed or land contract, as verification. It is you the producer's responsibility to inform FSA of any changes in your farming operation or entity status throughout the year. There are many types of changes that play a role in maintaining your FSA records and potential program eligibility. Changes reported avoid delayed application processing and delayed potential payments. We strive very hard to maintain quality records, however, our records are only as good as the information made available to us. *Failure to maintain your records for all land(s) you have an interest in could lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our FSA programs.*

### ***Definition of Designation by Landowner Method***

The designation by landowner method is the division of bases in the manner agreed to by the parent farm owner and purchaser or transferee. The designation of land owner method may be used when any of the following apply:

- › Part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred
- › Farm ownership is transferred to 2 or more people
- › A tract is sold to 2 or more persons
- › An entire farm is sold to 2 or more persons
- › Part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred
- › Tract ownership is transferred by 2 or more persons

### ***Signature Authority for Spouses***

For FSA and CCC programs, husbands and wives can sign documents on behalf of each other for programs in which either has an interest unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to this office. Spouses may not grant Powers of Attorney for each other.

### ***Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)***

AFIDA requires foreign persons or entities who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Such holding and changes must be reported within 90 days of any purchase, sale or change in status or ownership of land. Foreign agriculture investors must report investments to the local FSA office on form FSA-153.

### ***Crop Insurance Compliance and Farm Service Agency***

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 requires Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency to work together to help prevent waste, fraud and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. To meet these requirements:

- FSA will assist RMA and insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season.
- FSA will refer suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse about the Federal Crop Insurance program to RMA
- Producers may report suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to the local FSA office, RMA office or the Office of Inspector General.
- FSA will assist RMA with auditing claims.

If there are discrepancies between information reported to your crop insurance agent and information report to FSA, we may be contacting you to determine the reason for the difference.

### ***Controlled Substance Violations***

Any person convicted of planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance in any crop year shall be ineligible for Federal USDA payments or benefits during the crop year of conviction and the four succeeding crop years.

### ***Reasonable Accommodations Statement***

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are necessary contact the FSA Office County Office to make arrangements.

### ***Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification***

Customers are reminded that eligibility to receive any USDA loans or other program benefits is subject to compliance with provisions certified to on Form AD-1026.

***More Annual Notifications will appear in the February 2010 Newsletter coming to you soon!***

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*Program  
Reminders*

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| February 15, 2010  | George Washington's Birthday – Office Closed   |
| March 15, 2010   | Federal Crop Insurance deadline for Spring Insurable Crops.  |
| * APRIL 01, 2010   | Newly established NAP application deadline date (ALL Non-Insurable Crops types) for 2010 and subsequent years. |
| Within 15 days   | Submit form FSA-576, Notice of Loss for the NAP Program  |
| Within 30 days   | Submit form FSA-914, Notice of Loss for the Livestock Indemnity Program (Death Loss)                           |
| 2009 Crop Production   | Submit production evidence for NAP crops no later than July 01, 2010.  |
| Prior to Selling Wool:   | Complete form CCC-633 EZ, Page 1.  |
| Anytime  | Sign-up for Continuous CRP. Contact the FSA Office for an appointment.   |
| Monthly Office Visit   | Loan assistance – Brian Harrell, Farm Manager / Call ahead for an appointment - (307) 856-7524                 |
| Monthly  | FSA County Committee Meetings – Third, Wednesday at 1:00 P.M.  |
| <b>IMMEDIATELY:</b> Notify FSA of any changes that would affect Payment Limitations, Farm Record Changes.<br>I.E.: Sold or purchased land, or changes in lease(s), or operator changes, etc.<br>Report Direct Deposit changes / Change of Bank and/or Bank Name Changes. |  |

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