



# NEWSLETTER



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## **“New” - Possible Assistance for BEETLE KILL Infestation**

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private individual, group association, corporation or other private legal entity. Additionally, damage from the natural disaster, that is untreated, would hurt the natural resources and materially affect the lands future use.

Eligible Lands – NIPF must have existing cover (or had before the natural disaster) and be owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity. Additionally, damage from the natural disaster, that is untreated, would hurt the natural resources and materially affect the land’s future use.

Payments – Program participants can receive up to 75% of the cost to implement approved forest restoration practices. There is a \$500,000 per person or legal entity payment limitation.

\$50,000 and less may be approved by County Committees - \$50001 - \$100,000 may be approved by State Committee -\$100000 and greater may be approved by National Office.

If you believe that you may qualify for EFRP assistance please contact the Uinta County Office for more information. *Program funds have to be requested and approved by the National Office so it’s important to know how many potential applications there may be in Uinta County.*

More information can be found online at FSA’s website at:

<http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov> and  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation)

## **2010 Wool LDP Information**

Wool producers are reminded that the 2011 LDP application period closes on January 31, 2012. Please contact the office promptly to apply.

NOTE: In late February the Wool LDP payment rate began a downward trend from the prior year’s \$.29/lb figure. The trend has continued and the current Wool LDP rate is \$0.03/lb.

EXAMPLE: If you sold 100 lbs, of wool the current wool LDP payment (today’s rate) would equate to \$3.00. Generally, when the wool LDP rate is low the market price is higher.

All wool producers are reminded that you must sign Page 1 of the application form (CCC-633EZ) **before** losing beneficial interest in the wool.

## **Livestock Programs Available**

FSA administers several programs that may be available to assist livestock producers dealing with problems caused by winter weather. To apply for assistance, producers need to document the number and kind of livestock that have died as a direct result of weather event. In situations where additional transportation costs are being incurred to feed livestock, producers need to document these additional costs.

Programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP). For livestock death losses to be eligible under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss with their FSA office within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent to the producer.

All crops must be covered by either crop insurance or NAP in all counties that the applicant has an interest in. Crops intended for grazing are exempt from this rule for ELAP. There are provisions to apply for equitable relief when the participant made a good faith effort to comply with the risk



management purchase requirement. Equitable relief requests must be in writing.

Contact the FSA County Office for more details.

## SURE Signup

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began Jan. 10, 2011. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. 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,
- the actual production is less than 50% of the normal production.

## County Committee Election in 2011

For year 2011, the FSA County Committee election will be held in LAA#1. (Evanston, Almy, Bear River and a portion of the Piedmont area.)

Further information concerning this year's election will be released in a subsequent issue of this newsletter.

## Farm Safety

Multiple opportunities exist for accidents in the business of agriculture. FSA wants all farmers and ranchers to have a safe and productive crop year.

## Farming Operation Changes

June 01, 2011 is the deadline to provide changes to your farm records in Uinta County for crop year 2011. If you are changing or adding cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact the FSA county office by June 01.



## Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

Producers must cover all crops of economic significance in all counties where they have and interest to qualify for several disaster programs. For the Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) program there are specific requirements for the 2011 crop year. To participate in the SURE program, producers must purchase insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for all insurable crops planted on all farms they have an interest in. In addition, if insurance is not available on a crop, producers must have NAP coverage for all uninsured crops planted on all farms they have an interest in to be eligible for SURE. For the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) it is necessary to have grazing land covered by NAP or RMA's PRF-VI insurance to be eligible for grazing losses. The Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) requires producers to purchase insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act for all insurable crops planted on all farms they have an interest in as well as NAP coverage for all uninsured crops except forage on grazing land.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

## Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

For additional information contact Mr. Brian S. Harrell, Farm Loan Manager in Riverton, WY. (307) 856-7424

## Conservation Loan Program

The Conservation Loan (CL) program provides farmers with the funding necessary to implement approved conservation measures on their land. The available limit for a direct CL is \$300,000, and the limit for a guaranteed CL is \$1,119,000.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will work with applicants to develop a conservation plan containing approved conservation structures, forest cover, permanent pastures manure digesters and other installations.

For more information on a potential Conservation Loan call Mr. Brian Harrell, FLM in Riverton, WY at (307) 856-7524 to make an appointment to discuss the Conservation Loan Program.

## Crop Acreage Reporting System (CARS)

Filing and accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

The county office is now preparing the 2011 Crop Acreage Reports. Most producers will be receiving the report by mail to review, sign, date, and return. Please look over your farm documents carefully. Contact the office if you need changes or corrections made. Be sure to sign and date the report and return to the county office promptly.

Most FSA programs require a signed and certified report of acres (including all owned and leased grazing acres to participate in FSA programs.

The acreage reporting deadline is July 01, 2011.

## Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from a natural disaster. The losses must be a direct result of an adverse weather condition, including but not limited to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold and lightning.

Eligible livestock are adult/non-adult cattle, buffalo and beefalo, equine, sheep, alpacas, emus, swine goats, llamas, poultry and domestic elig, deer and reinderr. Ineligible livestock include animals that die as a result of disease not related to adverse weather, malnutrition or poor handling practices. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality. Payment rates are per head by livestock kind/type and weight range.

Final date to file a Notice of Loss: 30 days after loss is apparent. Final date to make application: 30 days after the end of the calendar year that the loss occurred.

Necessary documentation includes: Beginning inventory, Ending inventory, Normal mortality, Mortality for adverse weather. Types of documentation includes: Trucking , receipts, palpitation records, livestock record books showing birth,

deaths, etc., vet records, purchase/sales receipts, other verifiable records.

Remember that if you are using producer generated records for death, you must have verifiable records showing beginning and/or ending inventory. Verifiable means that they are not producer made records.



## Notice to Hispanic and/or Women Farmers and Ranchers

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 Ranch Call center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov).

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

## Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have established an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.

This ensures that payments are not issued to producers who AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1,000,000 non farm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.

## Spring Conditions - Wet!

At this writing, the snow water equivalent and total precipitation percentages are above normal.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map currently shows Uinta County to be normal with no abnormally dry or higher designation at this time.

Uinta County must reach a D2 or higher rating to be considered for disaster assistance (for some FSA programs).

## 2011 - Dates to Remember

Monthly	Uinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday – 1:00 P.M.
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!</b>
<b>May 30, 2010</b>	Office Closed – Memorial Day Observance
<b>June 1</b>	DCP Signup Deadline
<b>July 1</b>	2011 Crop Acreage Report Deadline
<b>July 1</b>	NAP Actual Production History Yields certified for Crop Year 2010
<b>15 Days</b>	Deadline to file NAP Notice of Loss (hay and grazing)
<b>30 Days</b>	Deadline to file a Notice of Loss for livestock losses (LIP and ELAP)
<b>Anytime</b>	File for 2011 Wool LDP. Deadline is January 31, 2012
<b>Anytime</b>	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, either Land or Leases.
<b>Anytime</b>	Report Banking Changes to COF

*If you should experience 2011 Spring Flood damage, contact the FSA office promptly! Funding must be requested and approved to assist.*



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