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Emergency Conservation Program

2011 ECP Applicants: Thank you for your time and diligence in working through the ECP application process.

There have been millions of dollars of damage nationwide this year and funding is limited.

Those producers who filed applications for 2011 flooding damage will receive individual letters of notification as to the status of funding.

No allocation of money has been received in Uinta County. We may not receive any ECP funding for the 2011 year.

Year 2010 ECP Applicants are reminded that their project completion deadline is November 01, 2011. Applicants have been mailed individual reminder letters concerning this matter.

Please keep in mind that you must have bills for proof of costs incurred. If you did the work yourself you will submit a statement of cost for work performed. Be specific and include all elements of project completion work (Labor, materials, equipment, purchased items, etc.) Personal statements of cost must be signed and dated by the applicant. Bills submitted in any name other than the applicant will not be eligible for payment consideration.

Remember that vendor purchase invoices must show proof of payment (by you the applicant and the date paid) on each document when submitted.

Actual Production History (APH)

Are you prepared should a crop disaster event occur? Maintaining your actual production history records will aid in assuring your production information is on file with the county office.

Consider stopping by the County Office and reporting your production to the staff, or mail your 2011 Crop Production to the office.

Actual hay production is used to calculate the NAP Actual Production History (APH) yield. If you fail to report production even for one year your APH will be lower than if you had reported your actual production each year.

Actual production evidence should include the bale count, average weight, type of bale, along with the type of hay. When submitting a report of production remember that it must be signed and dated to be considered certified.

If you have not turned in production for prior years you may do so for this production yield information to be included in the actual production history calculation for the 2012 APH yield.

*** LIP DEADLINE CHANGE ***

Producers who filed for 2011 death losses under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) need to turn in death and inventory records promptly.

The deadline to file your application for payment and submit the required death loss documentation has been changed to October 31, 2011.

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Check Out HAY NET

Hay Net is a free, online hay locator service on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/hay.net>.

Producers who want to buy or sell hay can post their ads at no charge to make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers and ranchers who have an

emergency need, such as the one caused by the current extreme winter conditions. Individual ads can be posted by producers after completing a simple online registration form.

2011 CRP Rental Payments

CRP Rental payments to be issued prior to October 31, 2011. Payments will be deposited directly in participating producers' personal bank accounts.

2012 DCP Sign-Up

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will begin January 23, 2012 and will continue through June 1, 2012. Producers can make use of the DCP automated website to sign up, or they can visit the FSA Office.



Dangerous Acres

**Opinion Editorial by Gregor Goertz,
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How fortunate we are to benefit from the hard work and dedication of America's farmers, ranchers, and farm workers. We reflect on the agricultural abundance we enjoy in Wyoming and this Nation, let's acknowledge the risk inherent in this occupation. As these hard working men and women are creating this agricultural abundance, they must be ever-vigilant for their own safety.

From their toil on farms and ranches we have a cornucopia of healthy food and plants to sustain us and make our lives enjoyable and a wealth of materials for clothing and manufactured products. Every day our lives are touched and enriched by the fruits of their labors.

Wyoming's farm-ranch workers and Agriculture families are among the most

productive in the world. An amazing bounty is produced on the idyllic family farms we picture in our minds. But while living and working on a farm or ranch might seem like an entirely wholesome and stress free existence, there are few jobs in America that are more dangerous.

We often think of dangerous jobs as being firefighters, police officers, and miners. But according to the Bureau of Labor statistics, agriculture faces an extremely high fatality rate of nearly 4 for every 10,000 farmers and ranchers. Only fishermen, loggers and aircraft pilots have occupational fatality rates higher.

Dangers built into agricultural work include harsh weather, difficult environmental conditions, operation of heavy machinery and equipment and working with dangerous materials and chemicals. Tractor roll-overs and ATV accidents continue to be responsible for a great number of adult and adolescent farm fatalities on our Nation's farms and ranches. Accidents happen in any field but in agriculture, accidents frequently can be fatal.

I recall several cases of near misses and two cases of accidental deaths in my neighborhood. My father stood on a bucket trying to open a window in the barn during a hot summer day, when the bucket slipped and his arm went through the window. He severely cut his wrist and was rushed to the emergency room. After several stitches he was back at work. In another incident one of our neighbors caught his loose baggy shorts in an auger PTO shaft while unloading grain. Luckily his clothing was old and ragged so it tore loose only leaving him with a few bruises.

Other members of the community were less fortunate and did not survive their accidents. It is so easy to become complacent in daily farm work that safety basics can be overlooked. Farm safety has to be constantly reinforced. We ask for producers to be safe and observant of hazards.

Please join with me to express our appreciation and gratitude to our farmers, ranchers and agriculture workers for their phenomenal contribution to our very well being. At the USDA Farm Service Agency, we are taking this opportunity to raise the awareness of farm safety to help them stay safe, healthy, and on the job. After all, it is the very practice of farm safety that sustains the health of our Nation's farm and ranch families.

Notice to Hispanic Women and/or Women Farmers and Ranchers

Compensation for claims of discrimination.

If you believe that the U.S. 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 Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov

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

Why Purchase NAP?

All disaster programs except the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) require current NAP coverage on all farms in all counties, in all states

I encourage producers to consider applying for the 2012 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage to be eligible for FSA programs; particularly, if you were to have a significant disaster that may financially strap your ranching operation.

Without NAP coverage you simply are not going to be eligible for most program's that are administered by FSA.

\$500.00 of coverage (in most cases and if you cover both forage and grazing) may provide you with significantly more in disaster benefits should a loss event occur. Low cost and protection just in case.

The NAP Application deadline for fall-seeded crops is December 01, 2011.

Contact the County Office for more information.



2011 - Dates to Remember

Monthly	Vinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday – 1:00 P.M.
	Check Out – Hay Net Pg. 2
	See Pg. 2 for E Gov Delivery Info!
Oct. 31, 11	DEADLINE to file 2011 LIP Application for Payment and submit supporting death loss documentation
Nov. 11, 11	Office Closed – Veteran's Day
Nov. 24, 11	Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 04, 11	COC Election Ballots mailed to producers in LAA#1. Almy, Bear River, Evanston, Hilliard and a portion of Piedmont (School District Boundary area)
Dec. 01, 11	NAP Application Closing date for Biennial and Perennial Forage Crops. (Hay and Grazing)
Dec. 05, 11	COC Ballots for COC Election to be returned to County Office or Postmarked
Dec. 12, 11	County Office to County COC Ballots for Committee Election – 1:00 P.M. at the USDA Service Center – Public Welcome
Dec. 26, 11	Office Closed – Christmas Day
Jan. 02, 12	Office Closed – New Year's Day
Jan. 02, 12	Elected County Committee Member & Alternate take office.
Within 15 Days	Of when loss is apparent file NAP Notice of Loss (hay and/or grazing)
HAY NET	Website available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet
LDP	No established LDP rate at this time.
Anytime	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, either Land or Leases.
Anytime	Report Banking Changes to COF

NAP Crop Loss Reporting

For those of you with a NAP crop policy you are reminded that if you suffer a crop loss you must complete a Notice of Loss (form CCC-576) with this office no later than 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or from the date that damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. A Notice of Loss is required for each weather related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of the specific crop or commodity. A timely filed Notice of Loss is required on all crops, including grasses. When a loss is sustained an appraisal needs to be completed before grazing occurs or before the land is put to another use.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Compliance for FSA and NRCS Program Participants

A few of you may receive a letter regarding the IRS CCC-927 and CCC-928 forms, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information. FSA and the IRS have completed a data-sharing process for verifying AGI compliance. Every individual, legal entity and member of a legal entity that received payments from FSA or NRCS in 2009 to 2011 is required to complete the applicable form and submit it to the IRS. The form allows the IRS to compare tax data on record to the average AGI limitation amounts that were certified by the producer for program payment compliance both with FSA and NRCS.

FSA and NRCS program participants who chose not to submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 as applicable, may be determined noncompliant and will be required to refund payments received plus interest.

The CCC-927 (for individuals) and CCC-928 (for entities) are available at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/cc927 or www.fsa.usda.gov/cc928.



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