



# NEWSLETTER



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## Emergency Conservation Program Potential Funding Available

**2011 ECP Applicants:** Individuals or entities who signed 2011 ECP Flood applicant's have been notified that potential funding of their cost-share requests may occur provided all eligibility requirements have been met.

The Uinta County Committee will be reviewing prospective applications in the future. Applicants will be notified in writing as to the status of their application for cost-share assistance for damage as a result of the 2011 spring flooding.

ECP is administered by the local FSA County Committee in accordance with national program policy.

## ★ County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Aaron Martin. Aaron was elected to represent the ranchers from LAA 1 (Almy, Bear River, Evanston, Hilliard areas). Aaron was elected to his 1<sup>st</sup> consecutive term. Gary K. Barker will serve as the alternate to Aaron Martin.

FSA appreciates all of the eligible voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

FSA wishes to extends a hearty "Thank You" to Lyle Robinson for his years of service to the Committee

"We wish you the very best in your future endeavors and "Thank you" for your outstanding service to FSA and the ranchers from area LAA 1" , here in Uinta County.

## IRS Form 1099-G

Producers receive CCC-1099-G's annually detailing payments from the Commodity Credit Corporation. The annual report of program payments on the CCC-1099-G is a service intended to help FSA customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producer's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producer about which payments to report on their income tax returns.

However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy of data.

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## Wool Loan Deficiency & Unshorn Pelt LDP's

The deadline to sign-up for loan or LDP for wool shorn in calendar year 2012 is January 31, 2013. The 2012 crop year began on January 01, 2012.

Wool LDP participants must sign CCC-633EZ BEFORE losing beneficial interest in their wool or unshorn lamb pelts.

NOTE: There currently is *no Wool LDP rate* which means open market wool prices are good at this time.

Should the time come when the Wool LDP rates begin appearing the county office will contact wool producers immediately!

★ **Crop Insurance Deadline** The deadline to sign-up for Multi-peril or Federal Crop Insurance is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 2012 - NAP

### Application Deadline Spring Seeded Crops

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 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.

Low cost protection in the event a disaster.

**The NAP Application deadline for spring-seeded crops is April 01, 2011.**

Contact the local County Office promptly if you wish to apply.

### 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.

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/yield production each year.

Consider stopping by the county office and reporting your production to the staff, or mail your 2011 crop production to the office.

Actual production evidence should include the bale count, average weight and 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 the actual yield information to be included in the actual production history calculation for the 2012 APH yields.

**2012 CRP Rental Payments:** The Continuous CRP Program is available to Uinta County producers. Annual contract payments plus cost-share established practices are available for applicants approved in this program. Contact FSA for more information about this program.

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

**2010 SURE Sign-Up:** Signup deadline for the 2012 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) is June 01, 2012.



**Foreign Investors:** The Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act 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 holdings 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. Contact this office for more information.

**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 Power of Attorney for each other and may not sign claim settlements for each other.

**Power of Attorney:** For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

**Special Accommodations:** Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.

**Controlled Substance:** Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible

for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants.

**Farm Divisions & Division of Acreage Bases:** When a portion of a farm is sold or otherwise becomes owned by 2 or more persons, we are required to divide the crop acres among the resulting farms using one of several options. The designation by landowner method is the method of dividing the parent farm's crop acreage in a manner agreed to by the resulting owners. This method may be used when any of the following apply:

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

If you have sold or purchased a part of a farm, please notify this office so we can begin the process of dividing the farm and crop acreage. You may use the designation by landowner method of distributing the crop acreage bases among the resulting farms if all owners agree in writing.

### 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.

**FSA Appeal Process:** After a FSA official makes a decision on your request for USDA services and/or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options available to you if you disagree. Generally, you will have 3 options: 1) informal review with the original agency decision maker, 2) opportunity for mediation and 3) appeal to the next level of agency authority.

**Bank Account Changes:** If you have made changes to your bank account and/or address, please notify the County Office immediately to avoid possible payment delay and to assist the office in providing prompt service to you, the producer.

**Direct Deposit of Program Payments and Account Changes:** Farm program payments are required to be paid by direct deposit into a bank account selected by the program participant. If you have completed a direct deposit agreement and had a bank account change, you must notify us of account changes for your payment to be properly deposited.

**Sodbuster, Swampbuster:** Most FSA program require producers to comply with sodbuster/swampbuster provisions. These provision require that producers follow an approved conservation plan for highly erodible lands planted to annual crops as determined by NRCS.

Be sure to contact NRCS on any new land that you plan to plant to an annual crop to ensure HEL compliance.

Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to plant any crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits.

**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Compliance for FSA and NRCS Program Participants (CCC-931)**

Any person, entity or entity member **MUST** file a CCC-931 (new form) with the IRS to be in compliance for Fiscal Year 2012.

If you did not file the IRS forms CCC-927 or CCC-928 for the 2009, 2010 or 2011 year you may be required to pay back payments that have been earned. We have a list of Uinta County producers who have not filed, or there are problems with your filing, or lack of, filed paperwork. If you think you may not be in compliance with the IRS filing requirement, contact the County Office immediately.

Effective for Fiscal Year 2012, Form CCC-931 replaces the CCC-927 and CCC-928 documents. Submission of FSA-931 to the IRS will now be completed by FSA.

**Buyers of Agricultural Products**

It is required that 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 holders 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) 777-7378.

**Farm Loan Programs "Lender of First Opportunity":**

Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase agricultural land and to finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help eligible producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient new worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be person with limited resources. Rural Youth Loans, Beginning Farmers Loans and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA. To make an appointment, or if you have questions about the Farm Loan Program, contact Brian S Harrell, Farm Loan Manager who is located in the Riverton, Wyoming USDA Service Center. (307) 856-7524.

**Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA):**

AFIDA requires foreign persons or entities who acquire, transfer, or hold a 5 percent or greater interest in agriculture land or who gross \$1000 or more from any agriculture land report this information to the Secretary of Agriculture. The information must be reported within 90 days. This information must be reported to the local FSA office.

**Farm Changes:**

You are required to notify FSA of any changes in your farming operation for 2012. Did you purchase new land? Are you renting different land or have your shares (if applicable) changed for 2012? Entity share due to gifting? Did you form a new entity? Do you have a new address? Do you no longer wish to receive this FSA newsletter? Producers are responsible for notifying FSA of any changes regarding your farming operation.

**Payment Eligibility:**

Before producers can receive payments, each producer must satisfy all other program or payment eligibility requirements including, but not limited to, filing a new farm operating plan or certify to no changes on form CCC-902E for an entity or form CCC-902I for and individual, adjusted gross income certification Form CCC-931 and an AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certifications for most programs. Additional documentation may be requested to validate eligibility.

**2012 - Dates to Remember**

Monthly As Needed	Uinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday – 1:00 P.M. Lyman USDA Service Center
	See Pg. 1 for E Gov Delivery Info!
	<b>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:</b>
Feb. 20, 12	Office Closed – President's Day
	<b>Dates of Importance:</b>
Mar. 15, 12	Deadline to purchase Multi Peril Insurance
Apr. 01, 12	Deadline Spring-Seed Crops NAP Applic.
Jun 01, 12	Deadline to enroll in DCP / Acre
Jul. 01, 12	Deadline to enroll in 2010 SURE
Jul. 01, 12	Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline
Jan. 31, 13	Deadline to file for Wool LDP for 2012 (IF wool rates are made known)
Within 15 Days	When crop or grazing loss is apparent file NAP Notice of Loss (hay and/or grazing)
HAY NET	Website available online at: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet">www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet</a>
Wool LDP	No posted LDP rate at this time.
Anytime	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, Land or Leases
Anytime	Report Banking Changes to COF



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 Office Closed  
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February 20, 2012

 Deadline to purchase  
NAP coverage on spring-  
seeded crops, April 01, 12.

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