



NEWSLETTER



Uinta County, Wyoming

4th Quarter – FY 2013

Farm Service Agency

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Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed - Federal Holidays

COC Regular Meeting Date:

Quarterly – 3rd Wednesday
Sept. 18, 2013 - 1:00 P.M.

Uinta County FSA Committee:

J. Wesley Lupher, Jr., Chairman
Aaron R. Martin, Vice-Chairman
Kirk L. Eyre, Member
I. L'nette Iorg, Advisor

County Executive Director:

Karey M. Clark

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Scheduling an appointment
is recommend

2013 – FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominees, Kirk L. Eyre (incumbent) and Clifford D. Martin will be the two individuals whose names will appear on the 2013 County Committee Election Ballot for LAA#3, Lyman School District boundary/area. Ballots will be mailed November 4, 2013 to all eligible voters. Be sure to vote!!!

December 02, 2013 is the last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center. The Uinta County Committee will count the ballots on December 09, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center. The ballot count is open to the public.

The newly elected COC Member will begin his service on January 01, 2014. Your vote does make a difference and the nominees will appreciate you casting your vote!

2013 DROUGHT - REPORTING LOSS INFORMATION HELPFUL to FSA. Please contact your FSA County Office and inform us of conditions affecting your crops, livestock and the land you make a living from. Drought years can have a serious impact on ranchers' yearly income and overall production totals. Reportable items include: drought, frost, heat, hot, dry winds, heavy or extreme rain or snow, higher than normal livestock death loss (must be documented) or higher than normal feed purchases, etc. For FSA purposes there is often a limited amount of time to report losses. We still have no Farm Bill and we have no way to know what disaster programs we may be administering when the announcement comes. Keep in mind that if you do not keep us informed we do not know where the loss/needs are. Your loss information is valuable when FSA is considering programs and your input contributes to the submission and subsequent designations applicable to the FSA programs approved here at the county level.

Drought Contingency Plan Workshops for USFS and BLM Permit tees

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will be hosting a series of workshops across the state to help permit tees develop drought contingency plans for their grazing permits. Contact the office for more details.

For more information about the workshops visit the WDA website at:

<http://wyagric.state.wy.us/divisions/nrp/mediation-program/drought-workshops>

October 23, 2013, Kemmerer, WY – Lincoln County Library - 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of many FSA program benefits and is a requirement of several FSA programs. Deadline dates are:

Nov. 15, 2013, Perennial Forage, Perennial Rangeland Forage (PRF), Native Range, Fall Seeded grain crops.

January 2, 2014 – Honey

July 15, 2014 – Spring seeded crops of Alfalfa, Barley and Oats (Forage or Grain).

NONINSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP is a federally funded disaster assistance program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops not insured through private insurance companies. I.E., Native Grass Hay, Spring-Seeded Grain Crops, Grazing acres, etc.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than July 15 of the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. NAP losses must be reported with 15 days of the crop loss. Deadline extended for 2013 until August 1, 2013.

ACTUAL PRODUCTION NAP HISTORY YIELD ESTABLISHMENT

Acreage production is required to compute the NAP Yield. The producer is responsible for timely filing their acreage production records for NAP purposes. Any producer may file their actual production records with FSA to maintain a running crop history record from year to year. Contact the office for more information.

>>> FILING a 2013 NAP NOTICE OF LOSS <<<

For those of you, who obtained NAP policies for the 2013 crop year, be aware that loss claims must be timely filed in order to be eligible for payment. You must timely file a notification of loss every time you experience a loss event (such as frost, hail, drought conditions, flood, etc.). This loss claim must be filed within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster condition occurred or damage to the crop became evident. In case of drought, loss would be evident not later than harvest and if not harvested, then by the end of the crop year, and before you turn livestock out to graze it. If you wish to get paid, timely file your notification of loss! A record of your actual production evidence must also be filed in order for FSA to compute a potential payment.

>>> NAP CROP APPRAISALS <<<

If you have NAP coverage on your grass hay or small grain hay and the crop suffered a loss, and you plan to graze some or all of those acres intended for hay, you need to have FSA appraise those acres before you turn livestock in (no exceptions). We need advance notice to line up an appraiser and in drought years this can take time. Our appraisers are located in other parts of Wyoming and in Idaho, or Utah. The appraisers work very hard to service very large areas. This means that producers will be required to contact the County Office before turning cattle on hay fields to be grazed. Appraisals will not be made until after the end of the normal haying season. If you need to turn cattle into hay fields before then, it is your responsibility to contact the County Office to determine the number of representative sample areas to fence or panel off for later appraisal. Not following this very important step will cost you a potential NAP loss payment because you failed to follow the NAP program requirements! Questions, please contact the local FSA office for more information.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS (PL)

All payment eligibility and payment limitation provisions, including AGI limitations, are extended for the 2013 crop year, program year, and fiscal year.

All rules and requirements effective for 2012 program payments and benefits are again applicable to eligible recipients of 2013

program payment and benefits. Requirements include actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, substantive change, minor child, and spousal provisions. Payments will continue to be limited by direct attribution to person and legal entity.

Additional payment eligibility and payment limitation information is available at FSA county offices or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

HAY NET – ADVERTISE HAY FOR SALE OR PURCHASE

Hay Net is available on the FSA website www.fds.usda.gov/haynet. Producers are encouraged to use Hay Net to post hay for sale or to list hay types available for purchase. A producer may post an ad that is visible to any producer visiting the site. Hay net is a good source for ranchers and farmers who have a need. Ads can be posted free of charge by producers who complete a simple online registration form the first time the website is accessed.

2013 - FSA IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Timely file** - 2013 NAP - Remember to report 2013 Crop Production to FSA following harvest
Within 15 Days - File NAP Notice of Loss for crop or grazing losses (Forage Hay and/or Grazing)
- Sept. 16, 2013** - DCP Signup Deadline – Base acreage contracts
- Oct. 14, 2013** - Columbus Day Holiday – USDA Service Center closed
- Nov. 11, 2013** - Veteran's Day Holiday - USDA Service Center closed
- Immediately** - Notify COF of Payment Limitation changes
Anytime: - Report changes in ranch operations, land or leases, purchased or sold land. By doing so you will help assure program eligibility. Help us keep your records up-to-date!
- Anytime:** - Report banking changes to assure your financial institution information is current with FSA
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RECEIVE FSA NEWSLETTERS and PROGRAM UPDATES VIA EMAIL

Due to the concentrated efforts of the Federal Government to reduce operating costs, we are now providing more and more information via email, and less newsletters and paper mail are being sent by regular postal mail. We encourage you to provide FSA with your email address for you to stay abreast of the latest in FSA program announcements, changes and updates. If you would like to receive our electronic notifications and updates please contact FSA by telephone at (307) 787-3859, Extension 2, or email karey.clark@wy.usda.gov. This effort will help reduce the amount of paper material that are sent by regular mail and save on postal mailing costs. We can all do our part to help reduce operating costs! Consider E-MAIL a paper-reduction solution!

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