

November 2013



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Monday thru Friday
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Closed - Federal Holidays

COC Regular Meeting Date:

Quarterly – Next meeting
is December 9, 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

Program Technician:

Andrea L. Rollins

Farm Loan Manager:

Brian S. Harrell

2013 - FSA County Committee Election

The 2013 County Committee Election Ballots for LAA#3, Lyman School District boundary/area, were mailed out on November 4, 2013. Instructions for voting were included.

Candidates are Kirk L. Eyre (incumbent) and Clifford D. Martin.

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

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

2013 NAP Crop Loss

Uinta County producers with a current NAP crop policy, you are reminded that you must complete a Notice of Loss (Form CCC-576) with this office no later than 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence (drought, flood, etc.), or from the date that damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. Loss appraisals are required if you partially harvest forage hay fields. Appraisals need to be completed prior to any livestock grazing! Appraisals not timely requested may result in ineligible situations. Do not delay in promptly reporting your crop (forage and grazing) losses! Contact the office for further details.

NAP Grazing crops - promptly report grazing losses! Now is the time to do so! If you have suffered a grazing loss contact the County Office immediately to file a 'Grazing Notice of Loss'. It is the producers responsibility to notify the COF of any crop forage or grazing losses!!!

Phone: (307) 856-7524

Scheduling an appointment
is recommend

2014 NAP Application Coverage

December 2, 2013 is the deadline to apply for Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2014 perennial crops such as non-insurable forage hay crops, public rangeland and/or private grazing lands. If you have an interest in any of these crop types, or grazing land do not miss the December 2, 2013 NAP application for coverage deadline. There is a \$250 fee per crop type not to exceed \$750 per producer, per county, and \$1875 per producer with multi-county interests. We suggest that you sign up before the Thanksgiving Holiday to assure that you have your 2014 NAP Coverage timely filed!

Farm Bill Status

Congress is working on the Farm Bill and it is not known at this time if NAP Coverage will be a requirement for FSA program eligibility as part of the Farm Bill. Service fees charged at the time of NAP application coverage are tax deductible for the year acquired. As soon as the Farm Bill is official this office will be sending out notifications and program availability instructions, etc. Watch future newsletters for additional information.

2014 Acreage Reporting Dates

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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
Extended through January 15, 2014 in certain circumstances. We appreciate timely filers!

January 2, 2014 – Honey

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

Actual Production NAP History Yield Establishment, NAP Appraisals, New ECP Rules and Dates to Remember

Acreage production is required to compute the NAP Yield. **The 2013, and subsequent NAP crop year producers are 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.

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 may 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. Note: If the NAP forage hay acreage is grazed without first an appraisal, the NAP loss calculation will be calculated on an Animal Unit Day (AUD) basis. This process affects the NAP yield as production may be a zero for the year in which grazing occurs. Zero production in a 10-year average lowers the overall NAP yield average. It is to your advantage to secure proper field appraisals BEFORE ANY livestock grazing takes place. It is the producer's responsibility to follow program regulations when a producer commits and signs a NAP coverage application.

The NAP Program is available to all Uinta County producers. Understanding the NAP program regulations is quite important for anyone considering the Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Considering this program may prove beneficial to your individual circumstances. Small acreages do typically have a difficult time qualifying for NAP program benefits. Keep in mind that a Farm Bill is in progress so there could be program changes which are unknown at this time.

NEW Interim Rules for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP): The National Office has implemented interim rules for livestock water hauling. Cost-share is now limited to 50% for temporary practices and 75% for permanent practices. Water hauling will be calculated as 50% of actual cost not to exceed \$0.02 per gallon of calculated water needs. Water needs will be calculated on expected consumption per 1000 pound live animal weight. Beef: 18 gallons/day/1000 lbs, Sheep/Goats: 20 gallons/day/1000 lbs, Horses: 10 gallons/day/1000 lbs. Cost-share assistance requires the following:

WATER HAULING: If water has been hauled to a specific ("field, pasture", etc.) 3 out of the last 10 years (independent of receiving cost-share) This rule will affect several producers who currently haul livestock water! Water hauling that may be needed in the future is not eligible. If you will haul water to fall pasture due to drought in the summer, it is no longer eligible for cost-share under the interim rule. Water must have been available previous to the drought. If you are hauling water to utilize pasture that you do not normally utilize because of the lack of water, water hauling will not be eligible for cost-share. Water hauled to any earthen pits, reservoirs, etc., is NOT eligible for ECP cost-share. Water hauled prior to July 01, 2013 is not eligible for cost-share.

WELL DRILLING: Well drilling eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to: you must have had adequate livestock watering system prior to a drought. Eligible components: installing pipe to another water source, water storage tanks/troughs, drilling or deepening wells, permanently installed submersible (not sump pumps) or solar panels. Water facilities primarily for barns, corrals, recreation and/or headquarters are NOT eligible for cost-share assistance.

Practice lifespan is 10 years and must be maintained for the entire period of time. Failure to do so results in a potential refund of any cost-share monies paid to the participant. Rate of cost-share: Permanent practices – 75% of the actual costs, not to exceed a pre-determined dollar per unit. If you have questions concerning this new ECP information please contact the office for further details.

Keeping FSA Informed Helps FSA to Assist You: Programs that are not permanent programs are available. However, if producers choose not to inform us of difficult situations it is most difficult to offer program assistance. Conditions that are anything less than normal such as drought, heavy snow/rain, extreme heat/cold, unusual death loss above normal, higher than normal feed purchases, etc. are some of the situations that affect a ranching operation. Keep in mind there is often a limited period of time in which to report these losses to the County Office. Timely reporting helps the County Committee determine a financial need and make appropriate program requests, when applicable. Remember that no notification to FSA typically indicates there is not a significant need for assistance in the County. We may not know or be aware that there is a program need in the county.

2013 - FSA IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Timely file - NAP Producers 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)

Nov. 28, 2013 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday – USDA Service Center - Closed
Dec. 02, 2013 - 2014 NAP Crop Application Deadline – Grass Hay Forage and Grazing Crops
Dec. 25, 2013 - Christmas Day Holiday – USDA Service Center – Closed
Jan. 01, 2014 - New Year's Day Holiday – USDA Service Center – Closed

HAY/NET - Hay Net is available on the FSA website at www.fds.usda.gov/haynet.

Immediately - Notify COF of Payment Limitation changes,

Anytime: - Report changes in ranch operations, land or leases, purchased or sold land.

Anytime: - Report financial institution banking changes

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