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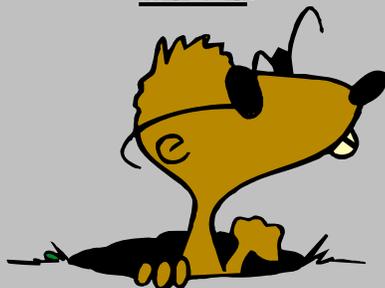
County Committee Members

Jim Hodder
Ben Arambel
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Penny Chrisman

FSA Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED
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MOLES:



Machinery, Operating, Livestock,
Expansion and Starting Out
Loans

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; or livestock, machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM
307.856.7524

Dates to Remember:

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Sweetwater/Sublette County
January 2010



**Sweetwater/Sublette County Producers
Receive More Than \$444,000 in benefits**

Livestock Forage Program (LFP) benefits totaling \$233,051 were paid to 26 producers in Sweetwater County. 22 Sublette County producers received a total of \$211,520.

Producers become eligible for LFP assistance when the county experiences a qualifying drought, indicated by the US Drought Monitor and have purchased NAP grazing coverage for that crop year.



**Wool Producers Need to File “Page 1”
for 2010 LDPs**

Wool, mohair and unshorn pelt producers are reminded that the 2010 crop year began on January 1, 2010. Producers need to stop by the office to complete and submit “Page 1” to be eligible for wool LDPs. “Page 1” must be filed before beneficial interest of the commodity is lost (i.e. sold). Contact the office for more information or to fill out your “Page 1”



County Committee Welcomes a New Face

Penny Chrisman won the COC election in LAA #4 (18 votes). Penny lives and ranches in the Big Piney area with her husband John J Chrisman.



John J and Penny have 2 sons, Cody and Kyle. Cody, wife Jessie and son Cactus live and work on the ranch. One of Penny’s favorite past times is playing with grandson, Cactus. All ranch work comes to a halt when he is around. Kyle lives and works in both Rock Springs and Casper.

Penny is Senior Operations Assistant at EOG Resources in Big Piney and also serves as the area’s Human Resources Representative.

Write-in candidate, John Fear (1 vote) will serve as first alternate for Sweetwater/Sublette County COC. He will be called upon to serve if the regular member is unable to attend the COC meeting.

Thank you for taking time to cast your vote for COC!

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Sodbuster, Swampbuster



Most FSA programs require producers to comply with sodbuster/swampbuster provisions. These provisions 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.



Buck\$ for Barley

File for 2009 crop year barley LDPs before March 31, 2010. You will need copies of your sales receipts to file for LDPs.



Grasshoppers Qualify for NAP Losses

If you experienced catastrophic losses due to grasshopper infestation you may qualify for NAP losses.



The WY State FSA Committee (Acting) has determined that 2009 grasshopper infestation was due to dry, cold conditions in May and early June.

Late filed notice of loss will be accepted on these conditions. Please contact the County Office if you experienced losses due to grasshopper infestation.



Sign for Your Spouse

Husbands and wives may sign on each others behalf for FSA business, unless written request to exclude this option is received by the county office.



Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made by request for persons with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are needed, please contact county staff in person or by phone.



Foreign Buyers

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of US agricultural land report their holding to the Secretary of Agriculture. FSA administers this program for USDA.



Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the property fair market value. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate are reminded to notify foreign investors of these requirements.



Controlled Substance

Any person convicted under federal or state law, of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA benefits. Violations include planting, growing or harvesting a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies and other drug producing plants.



**the 2010
NAP Deadline
to April 1, 2010**

ELAP

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program

Producers of livestock, honey bees and farm-raised fish can now apply for benefits under the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP.) ELAP benefits are available for losses that are not covered under other Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance Programs, such as LFP, LIP and SURE. Eligible loss causes include, but are not limited to, disease, adverse weather and wildfires.

Examples of Covered Losses (includes, but not limited to)

- ✓ Loss of forage/feedstuffs
- ✓ Grazing losses
- ✓ Additional cost for purchase of additional feed & transportation
- ✓ Physical loss of livestock
- ✓ Honeybees

Losses must be the result of an eligible adverse weather or loss condition.

Filing Deadlines

- ✓ **Sept. 14, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009 losses** – file a notice of loss no later than 30 days after loss is apparent and application for payment no later than January 30, 2010
- ✓ **2010 – 2011 losses** – file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss is apparent or after the end of the calendar year that the losses occurred and file application for payment no later than 30 after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are being requested

There are **no** late file provisions for ELAP.

All acres on all farms throughout the US must be covered by crop insurance and/or NAP to be eligible to participate in ELAP

Please contact the county office for more information if you believe you may qualify for ELAP benefits.

Unshorn Lamb Pelt LDPs

The deadline to file for 2009 crop year lamb pelt LDPs is January 29, 2010. If you have not filed for 2009 wool LDPs, please contact the county office.



DON'T FORGET TO



YOUR 2009 LIP APPLICATION!

If you filed notice of loss for 2009 Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), don't forget to submit your supporting documentation and application for payment to the county office by **January 30, 2010.**

Contact the county office for more information about documentation that is needed to complete your application.



2008 SURE Sign-up Begins

2008 SURE sign-up began on January 4, 2010. SURE is intended to provide assistance to producers who suffered production losses during the 2008 crop year.

All economically significant crops in all counties across the nation must be covered by crop insurance or NAP to be eligible for SURE. Additionally, a 10% loss of at least one crop must have occurred. If producers suffered 50% loss of total farm (nationwide) production, they may qualify for assistance. Contact the office for more information.



Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Program (DELAP)



DELAP provides a one-time payment to dairy producers who experienced low milk prices and high production costs. Contact the office if you are a dairy producer.



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What is Your Risk Management Plan?

Make NAP part of
your plan today!

Purchase 2010 coverage by
April 1, 2010