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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
February 2010*

No IRS Form, No Payment

USDA and IRS have teamed up to verify adjusted gross income (AGI) compliance for NRCS and FSA participants. They have developed an electronic data-sharing process that will look at certain tax line items, perform a series of calculations to compute average amounts. The average amounts will be compared to AGI limitations. USDA will receive a summary of indicators of whether the participant exceeds or does not exceed AGI limitations. No actual IRS data will be included with the report that USDA receives.

All entities, entity members and individuals who participate in NRCS or FSA program in the 2009 and/or 2010 years are required to file the CCC-927(individual) or CCC-928 (entity) form with the IRS. Programs that require compliance include: EQIP, WHIP, GRP, CRP, DCP, NAP, LDP, LIP, LFP, ELAP and SURE.

Forms must be mailed directly to the IRS by June 15, 2010. Forms must be mailed directly to IRS to protect your privacy.

If the forms are not received by IRS, you could be required to pay back any 2009 NRCS or FSA program payments that were received. You may also be ineligible for any 2010 payments that you would otherwise receive.

There was a special newsletter containing more information about the new payment eligibility requirements. If you need assistance with the form or copies of the form please call the office for more information.

IRS Form Deadline: June 15, 2010



Please feel free to join us for our regular COC meetings. We normally meet the fourth Thursday of the month at the USDA Service Center in Rock Springs at 1:00 PM.

Please call and verify we are having a meeting if you plan on attending, as we don't meet every month.



2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) sign-up began January 4, 2010. SURE is available to eligible producers on

- Farms in Secretarial disaster declaration counties, including contiguous counties AND had crop production or quality losses (at least 10% loss of at least 1 eligible crop)
- Any farm that suffered actual production that was 50% or less than normal production for the farm.

Minimum eligibility requirements include

- Catastrophic (CAT) coverage for all insurable crops
- And/or NAP coverage for all non-insurable crops. NOTE: grazing land does not have to have coverage.

It's important to know that ALL acres in ALL counties must be covered by the applicable insurance.

A SURE calculator is available at: www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/sure_calculator_2008.xls. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and Q & A are also available online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Changes to 2010 Actively Engaged Requirements for DCP

USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the FSA.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or management if both of the following apply:

- At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;
- The total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members can not exceed \$40,000.

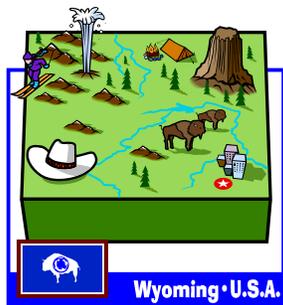
If you have not turned in your 2009 hay production please do so ASAP, so that we can get it loaded into the system by July 1, 2010.

Wool LDPs "Page 1"



Bonnie sent "Page 1" to all past participants for wool LDPs. These must be on file in the County Office before beneficial interest is lost (i.e. sold). If you wish to participate in the LDP program and did not receive a form, please contact the County Office as soon as possible. LDPs are available for most commodities, not just wool. Contact the office for more information.

Meet the WY State FSA Committee



The Obama Administration announced the WY State FSA Committee on January 15, 2010. The new committee consists of Chairperson Tim Anderson (Laramie County), Matt Weber of Baggs, WY and Terry Wilson of Thermopolis,

WY. The STC will oversee the activities of the Agency, including carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the ag community and helping keep producers informed about FSA programs.

2010 DCP Sign-up Available

2010 DCP Sign-up is available to producers through June 1, 2010. Please stop by the office to sign-up for direct payments.

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.

Que es esto?

Is reading your FSA paperwork like reading a foreign language?

Do you have a hard time understanding all the acronyms that FSA uses on its forms, newsletters and other paperwork? Here is a little cheat sheet to help you translate the real meaning of all those acronyms.

ACRE – Average Crop Revenue Election Program
AGI – Average Adjusted Gross Income
APH – Actual Production History
COC – County Committee
CCC – Commodity Credit Corporation
COB – Close of business
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CCRP – Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
DCP – Direct & Counter-cyclical Program
DD – District Director
ECP – Emergency Conservation Program
ELAP – Emergency Livestock Assistance Program
FLP – Farm Loan Programs
FSN – Farm Serial Number
GIS – Geographical Imaging Systems
HELIC – Highly Erodible Land Conservation
LDP – Loan Deficiency Payment
LFP – Livestock Forage Program
LIP – Livestock Indemnity Program
NAP – Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program
RMA – Risk Management Agency
SDA – Socially Disadvantaged Applicant
SED – State Executive Director
STC – State Committee
SURE – Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program



REPORT LIVESTOCK LOSSES NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER LOSS IS APPARENT

for Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and file application for payment by January 30 of following calendar year.



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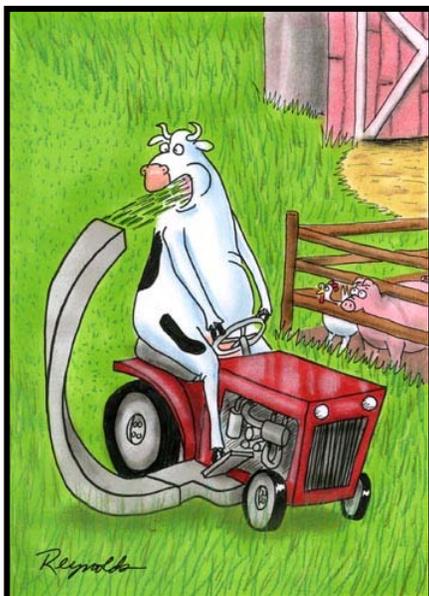
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*Whether you graze or hay,
Make sure you pay*

Your 2010 NAP application fee by
April 1, 2010