

Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA
79 Winston Dr. Ste. 110
Rock Springs, WY 82901
307.362.3062

County Committee Members

Jim Hodder, Chairperson
Ben Arambel, Vice-chairperson
Bob Anderson, Member
Penny Chrisman, Member

FSA Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED
Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT
Mike Hoffland, DD



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:

Jan – File “page 1” for 2010 wool LDPs

March 14 – Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar. 31 – 2009 Barley LDP filing deadline

April 1 – NEW deadline 2010 NAP coverage

June 1 – Deadline to sign-up for DCP

June 15 – Deadline to file IRS form; required to be eligible for 2009/2010 payment

July 1 – Deadline to sign 452 (NAP APH)

30 days after apparent – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP)

15 days after apparent – Deadline to file NAP losses



*Sweetwater/Sublette County
March 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 February 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



2010 DCP/ACRE Sign-up Available

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



Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Provisions

With the 2008 Farm Bill, came new limitations that must be met for producers to participate in USDA programs. Below is a chart that can be used as a quick reference for AGI limitations.

IF average adjusted gross....	THEN the person or legal entity is INELIGIBLE for.....
Non-farm income exceeds \$500,000	All commodity, price support and disaster assistance program benefits. Note: A person or legal entity with average adjusted gross nonfarm income that exceeds \$500,000 is not eligible for marketing loan gains and LDP payments. However, the person or entity is eligible for marketing assistance loans, but the loans must be repaid at principal plus interest or commodity certificates may be exchanged for loan collateral. Applicable programs include: DCP, ACRE, ELAP, LFP, LIP, NAP, SURE, MLG, LDP
Farm income exceeds \$750,000	Direct payments DCP
Non-farm income exceeds \$1 million	All conservation programs benefits, unless at least 66.66% of the average AGI came from farming and ranching operations.

All applicants of FSA/NRCS benefits will be required to complete AGI forms each year for participation. This includes individual members of entities (corporations, LLC, limited partnerships, trusts, estates, etc). In addition to the AGI forms, participants must also sign an IRS consent form for compliance purposes. See page 1 for more information about the IRS consent form.

Payment Limits and Direct Attribution

Program payments are limited by direct attribution to individuals or entities. A legal entity is defined as an entity created under Federal or State law that owns land or an agricultural commodity, product or livestock. Through direct attribution, payment limitation is based on the total payments received by the individual, both directly and indirectly. Qualifying spouses are eligible to be considered separate person for payment limitation purposes, rather than being automatically combined under one limitation.

Program Type	Program	Limit (in dollars)
Commodity Programs	Counter-cyclical & ACRE	65,000 ^{1/}
	Direct payments	40,000 ^{2/}
Conservation Programs	CRP annual rental payment	50,000
	EQIP	300,000
	GRP, WHIP, WRP	50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	ELAP, LFP, LIP and SURE	100,000
	NAP	100,000
	TAP	100,000

^{1/} Under ACRE, this amount will be combined limitation for counter-cyclical and ACRE payments. If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in ACRE, this limitation will reflect and increase for the amount that the direct payments were reduced.

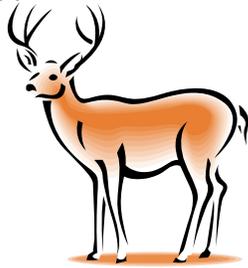
^{2/} If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earn on an ACRE farm, this limitation will reflect a 20% reduction in direct payments on each ACRE farm.

C-CRP

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

Producers can apply to enroll small acreages of eligible cropland or marginal pastureland in CRP under the continuous sign-up. Participants agree to establish approved conservation practices on the eligible land and remove the land from agricultural production in exchange for annual rental payments for the term of the contract, which usually is 10-15 years.

A 50% cost-share payment is available to help with the cost of completing approved conservation practices. There is an additional 40% cost-share incentive payment for some practices. Other incentives that the producer may qualify for include sign-up incentive payments and annual maintenance payments.



Practices that can be approved under the C-CRP program include, but are not limited to: field windbreaks, shallow water areas for wildlife, shelterbelt establishment and riparian buffers.



Reporting Losses on NAP Crops

Losses on NAP crops must be filed no later than 15 days after the disaster event or loss becomes apparent. Notices of loss that are filed after 15 days

may still be accepted IF verification of the specific crop, acreage and cause of loss can be made by COC. If positive verification of these requirements cannot be made, the late filed notice of loss will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for payment.

Daylight Savings Time
March 14, 2010



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Eligible adverse weather events include blizzards, disease, extreme heat or cold, floods and wildfires. Eligible livestock include cattle, sheep, swine, beefalo, buffalo, dairy cattle, elk, alpacas, deer, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry and reindeer. An eligible producer is an individual or citizen or resident alien who had legal ownership (brand) of the eligible livestock on the day that it died. The owner is one who assumes the production and market risks associated with the production of livestock. No person may receive more than \$100,000 in assistance from disaster programs (LIP, ELAP, LFP and SURE). If you believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office.



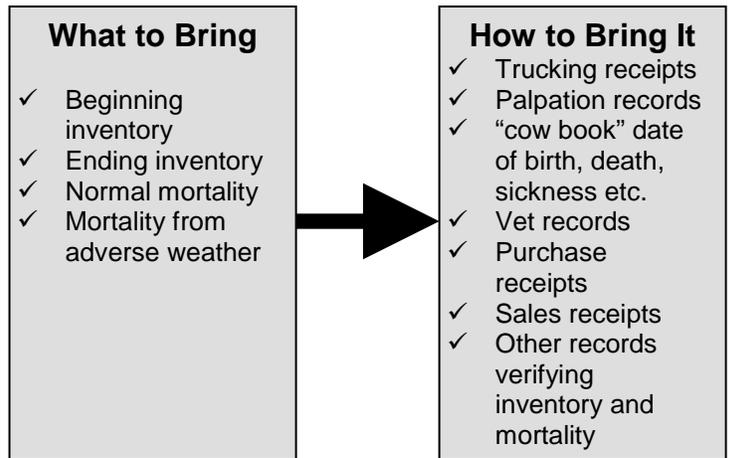
Notice of Loss

Notice of loss must be filed with the county office no later than 30 days after the loss is apparent. Notice of loss may be filed in person, by phone, fax or email.

Application for Payment

Application for payment must be filed with the county office no later than January 30 of the calendar year following the year that losses were suffered.

What do I need to apply?



Remember that if you are using producer generated records for death, you must have verifiable records showing beginning and/or ending inventory. Verifiable means that they are not producer made records.



Inside this Issue

NEW IRS Form Required

Payment Limitations
AGI Provisions
Continuous CRP
LIP
NAP Losses
2010 DCP Sign-up

Important Dates to Remember

Jan – File “page 1” for 2010 wool LDPs
March 14 – Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar. 31 – 2009 Barley LDP filing deadline
April 1 – NEW deadline – 2010 NAP coverage
June 1 – Deadline to sign-up for DCP
June 15 – Deadline to file IRS form
July 1 – Deadline to sign 452 (NAP APH)
30 days after apparent – Livestock losses (LIP)
15 days after apparent – NAP losses

2010 Crop Reporting

We are coming to a town near you!



March 17 - Big Piney Library

April 6 - Pinedale NRCS

April 20 - McKinnon Weed & Pest

May 11 - Farson Firehall

Anytime - Rock Springs USDA Service Center

**We will be sending out appointment cards
...if you are unable to make it on that date,
please call us to reschedule.**

