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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:

May 31 – Office closed; Memorial Day

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 file 2010 crop reports

July 1 – Deadline to sign 452 (NAP APH)

July 5 – Office closed: Independence Day

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

15 days after apparent – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)

April 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.

See Page 2 for Q & A.

IRS Form Deadline: June 15, 2010



**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.





Common Errors to Avoid When Filing your CCC-928(entity) or CCC-927(individual) with the IRS

1. No name or address
Include complete name and current mailing address
2. No SSN or EIN or only partial SSN or EIN entered
Include complete Social Security (SSN) for individuals or Employer Identification Number (EIN) for entities
3. No selection of processing year
Mark a selection of 2009 and/or 2010, as applicable
4. Improper name and taxpayer identification control
For example, use L & J Ranches or L and J Ranches NOT L+J Ranches
5. Signature date or birth dated used instead of dated signed
Enter date that the form was signed
6. Blank forms stapled and mailed together
Complete ALL items on the form before mailing. Multiple forms may be mailed in a single envelope
7. Two taxpayer names and SSN on same line
Each legal entity or individual must complete a SEPARATE form
8. Illegible penmanship
Write as clearly as possible; request assistance if you cannot write legibly
9. Taxpayer name and identification number are mismatched
Use the exact name and taxpayer identification number used for the most recent tax filing
10. Taxpayer number and form are mismatched
Use CCC-927 for an individual with a SSN. Use CCC-928 for legal entities with an EIN
11. Required information is placed on back of form
Complete all items on the front of the form. DO NOT put any information on the back side
12. No return address on envelope and the consent form has no address
Include the return address on the envelope and only mail the form to the IRS address listed on the front side of the form



ACRE

The ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3% (85% in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the state ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the

state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. Participants in ACRE will forgo counter-cyclical payments. Also a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20% and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30%.

The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year



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.



DCP/ACRE Erosion & Cover Requirements

If a farm has non-planted cropland that supports DCP base acres, those fields must be protected from wind and water erosion. Weed control measures may have to be implemented to assure program compliance.

If erosion problems exist, the County Committee has the authorization to require treatments such as planting a cover crop or emergency tillage.

Weed control on DCP acres is required to prevent the spread of weeds. Control measures must be implemented timely to achieve the most effective control of weed growth.



If the COF becomes aware of any potential violations of this rule, we will contact the applicable producers informing them of steps that must be taken in order to be in compliance.



Report livestock, grazing & hay losses as they are apparent!



Successor In Interest

Many FSA programs will allow payments to be made to heirs or successors when a program participant passes away. Additionally, contracts in programs such as CRP must be revised to reflect the successor(s) to a deceased participant's interest.

In the event of an FSA program participant's death, it is important that FSA be notified. Entities and joint operations that participate in FSA programs also need to notify FSA if a shareholder or member passes away. Since FSA benefits are reported to IRS, maintaining current, accurate records about participants is vital to ensure that those payments are reported correctly.



Wolf Woes?

Wolf depredation has been approved as an eligible loss condition under ELAP for livestock death losses occurring on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011. Normal mortality rates will be applied to the claimed livestock losses.



To be eligible for ELAP benefits the producer must have obtained crop insurance or NAP coverage on ALL acres that they hold an interest in.

Proof of death documentation is required, along with beginning inventory documentation. Copies of investigative reports completed by USDA Wildlife Services or damage claims completed by the WY Game & Fish are acceptable documentation.



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YOUR 2010
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2010 Crop Reporting

We are coming to a town near you!

April 20 - McKinnon Weed & Pest

May 11 - Farson Firehall

Anytime - Rock Springs USDA Service Center

All crop reports must be filed by July 1

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

