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Sweetwater / Sublette County Sprout



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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; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM
307.856.7524

Dates to Remember:

May 5 – Deadline to file '08 & '09 ELAP applications

May 25 – Pinedale crop reporting
rescheduled day

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

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

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

2010 Crop Reporting

It's that time of year again; time to file your 2010 crop report. Acreage reports are required for participation in most FSA programs. The deadline for filing crop reports is **July 1, 2010**. This year we are planning off-site days to make the crop reporting process more convenient for you. You should have received an appointment card in the mail. **If you did not receive a card or missed your appointment, please call the office to schedule a time that will work for you.** Late filed crop reports will be assessed a fee.

NEW

ELAP Deadline Extension Announced

Under the ELAP provisions, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year nationwide to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, adverse weather, such as blizzards and wildfires and; now, wolf depredation. With some exceptions, losses that are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs, such as Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), are covered under ELAP.

Signup for ELAP is on-going; however 2008 and 2009 losses need to be reported immediately because there has been an extension to the deadline. The deadline to file 2008 and 2009 losses is **May 5, 2010**.

DCP/ACRE Deadline Fast Approaching

2010 DCP/ACRE sign-up is available to producers through June 1, 2010. Please stop by the office to sign-up for direct payments. Producers in the Farson area will also be able to sign DCP contracts at the Farson crop reporting day on May 11, 2010 at the Firehall.



COUNT YOUR LOSSES.....

on Livestock

As spring calving and lambing gets underway, remember if you experience greater than normal losses due to eligible adverse weather, you may be eligible to receive payments from the 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 entity that is a US 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).

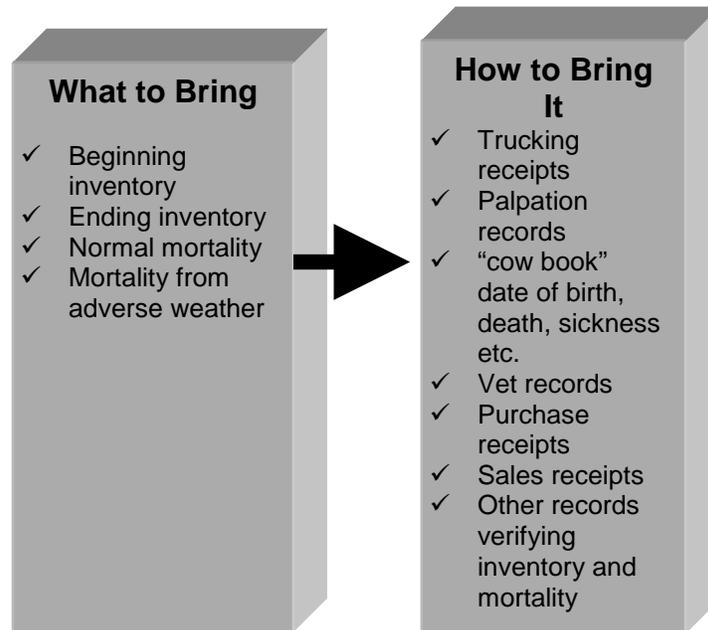
The LIP application is a 2 part application, similar to the NAP program. **Notices of loss must be filed within 30 days of when the loss is apparent.** Application for payment must be filed no later than January 30 of the following crop year.

Documentation for this program is somewhat stricter than other programs. Documentation showing

- What died
- How many died
- How it died

is required! See "What to Bring and How to Bring It" for some ways to document LIP losses. Additionally, if you have documentation of adverse weather including precipitation data, temperature, wind speed etc, please submit these records to the office with your notice of loss.

If you have any questions about the LIP program or if you believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office.



on NAP crops

Losses on NAP crops must be filed no later than 15 days after the disaster event or when 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.



Reminder: File your CCC-927 (individual) or CCC-928 (entity) with the IRS by June 15, 2010!

Lender of First Opportunity

How can we help you?



FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers

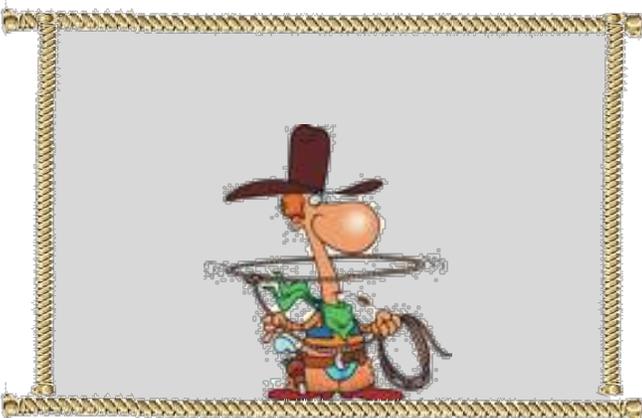
and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it.

Direct and Guaranteed loans are available to assist Wyoming farmers and ranchers. For more information about FSA loan programs visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or contact Brian Harrell at the Fremont County FSA office at (307) 856-7524.



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, excluding grazing lands.

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. The deadline to file 2008 & 2009 ELAP losses is **May 5, 2010.**

"I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by." -Douglas Adams



If you have **NOT** turned in your 2009 actual production, please do so ASAP. Your 2009 production will be combined with previous years' production to calculate an APH for 2010 NAP policies.

Actual hay production is used to calculate your NAP APH (actual production history) which will be used to calculate your payment should there be a disaster in the coming years. If you fail to report production for just one year it could significantly lower your APH and your potential payment!

Actual production evidence should include bale count, average weight, and type of hay. The statement should be signed and dated by the producer.

Deadline to submit 2009 actual production is July 1! (Signature required)



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"For love of country
they accepted death."
~James A. Garfield

We will be closed
on May 31, 2010,
in observance of
Memorial Day