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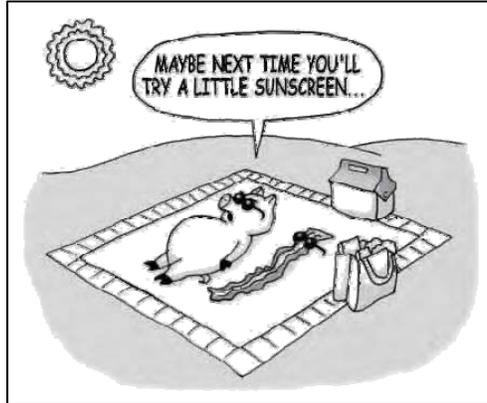
MOLES:

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



What is Your Risk Management Plan?

2011 NAP??

NAP is available for crops which crop insurance is not available for. It protects the producer against catastrophic losses. The deadline to purchase NAP for forage (hay), pasture, honey and wheat (winter & spring for forage) is **December 1, 2010**. The fee for NAP is \$250 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750. For producers with interest in multiple counties, the total fee cannot exceed \$1,875.

To participate in Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and Emergency Assistance Program for Livestock (ELAP), producers must purchase crop insurance on all insurable crops (except LFP) and NAP on all non-insurable crops (required for all).

Producers who have 2010 NAP policies may choose continuous coverage on the same crops for 2011. Continuous coverage does not require a new CCC-471, Application for Coverage, to be signed. HOWEVER, if you want to add/delete a crop a new CCC-471 must be filed and signed.

To qualify for NAP benefits and continuous disaster programs the producer must:

1. Timely file acreage reports
2. File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent
3. Report production records to the County Office.

Continuous coverage reminder letters will be mailed to all 2010 NAP policyholders. Call the county office for more information and to get your 2011 NAP policy.



What Happens to My Check When I Send it to FSA?

Over the next year, FSA/CCC is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA to process collections faster. When producers present checks, either in person or by mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producers account within 24 hours of receipt. Please visit the U.S. Department of Treasury website for more detailed information.

What is PCC-OTC?

PCC-OTC is a process for converting paper checks into electronic debits to the producers' bank account. It has many benefits such as reducing lost/misplaced checks and paper handling. It improves customer relations, speeds the check clearing process, and reduces potential for human error

How will my checks be handled?

If presented in person, the check will be scanned into the system, voided and stamped with the words "electronically processed", then returned to the producer.

If mailed, the check will be handled in the same manner, but will not be returned to the producer. FSA will hold checks for 14 days to ensure successful processing, then be shredded.

How quickly will funds transfer from my account?

Funds transfer could occur within 24 hours, so make sure there are sufficient funds in the account.

How will the transaction appear on my statement?

The transaction will be on your statement; however, it might appear under "other transactions" or "other withdrawals".

What are my rights if there is a problem?

You are protected under Federal law for an unauthorized EFT from your account. Contact your bank immediately if you believe a transaction is not correct or not authorized.

Final DCP & Annual CRP Payments Deposited by October 31



Producers who should be receiving 2010 final DCP payments or annual CRP payments should watch for payments to be direct deposited into their accounts by October 31. Please let the office know if you believe you are due a payment and didn't receive it

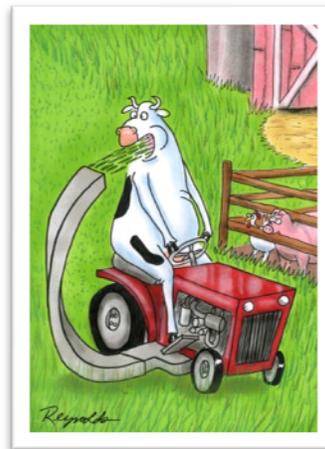


Change in 2011 NAP Policy

~could affect 2011 disaster payment amounts~

A major change in procedure for the 2011 crop year will allow producers to purchase both PRF-VI (pasture, rangeland, forage – vegetative index) and NAP coverage on the same acres with the same intended use. It has been determined that the two insurance policies do not cover the same perils; therefore, producers may purchase both types of coverage. If there were to be disaster conditions, producers could collect indemnity payments from both types of coverage.

To access a free online course about PRF-VI, visit <http://RightRisk.org>, and click on "products."



Get Your 2011 NAP today! Grazing and hay policies are available and required to participate in most 2008 Farm Bill disaster programs.

turn in asap!

Production evidence includes hay type, # of bales, average bale weight, signature & date.

ELAP

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program

Producers of livestock, honey bees and farm-raised fish can 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 losses include, but are not limited to, loss of purchased/harvested forage, additional costs incurred for providing or transporting feed to eligible livestock, grazing losses, disease, adverse weather, wolf depredation and wildfires.

General Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Suffered eligible loss between Jan. 1, 2008 and Oct. 1, 2011 (and in the calendar year that benefits are being requested)
- ✓ **Obtain crop insurance and/or NAP for all crops on the farm (all acres, all counties)**
- ✓ Timely file a notice of loss and application for payment
- ✓ Timely file an acreage report for all acres, owned & leased, honey bee colonies and farm-raised fish ponds

Filing Deadlines

- ✓ **2010 – 2011 losses** – file a notice of loss the earlier of 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 January 30 of the calendar year following the year that benefits are being requested.

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

Physical livestock losses must be thoroughly documented. All deaths, including normal mortality losses, should be documented to ensure maximum payment. Normal mortality rates must be met before payment will be earned.

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

NAP Purchase

★ *Deadline* ★

December 1, 2010

Conservation Loans

**new
PROGRAM!**

Need Upfront Funds to Implement Conservation Practices?

FSA is offering a new conservation loan program that is designed to assist producers who want to implement conservation practices on their land who may not have the upfront cash to fund practices including; but not limited to installation of conservation structures, establishment/improvement of permanent pasture cover and installation of water conservation measures.

Direct and guaranteed conservation loans are available to producers. Producers with a strong financial position can enter a streamlined application process, saving time during the application period. Direct loans can be approved for up to \$300,000, while borrowers who apply for a guaranteed loan through approved lenders can be approved for up to \$1,112,000.



Interest rates and loan terms will vary depending on the application period, borrower eligibility, type of loan etc. Guaranteed loans interest rate may vary by lender, but may not exceed the rate charged to the lender's average farm customer. Direct loan interest rates will be the direct loan rate in effect at the time of loan approval or closing. All loans must be fully secured and applicants must have the ability to repay the loan in full.

If you are interested in applying for a conservation loan to assist you in implementing conservation practices on your farm or ranch, please contact the Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager at 307.856.7524 or the Sweetwater/Sublette County Office.

*Conservation is a state
of harmony between
men and land."
~Aldo Leopold*

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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

- **October 11** – Office closed; Columbus Day
- **November 5** – COC election ballots mailed
- **December 1** – Deadline to purchase 2011 NAP
- **December 6** – Ballots due to County Office
- **December 9** – COC meeting; count ballots
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)



*office closed
October 11*



*HAPPY Halloween!
October 31*

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