

DECEMBER 2010

Sweetwater/ Sublette

County

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Hours

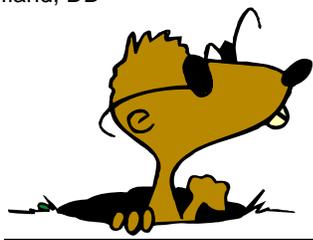
Monday - Friday
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

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

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; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM

307.856.7524

--WOOL PRODUCERS--

File "Page 1" for 2011 LDPs

Wool, mohair and unshorn pelt producers are reminded that the 2010 crop year will begin on January 1, 2010. *Bonnie will mail producers who participated in 2010 LDPs a "Page 1", please sign and return to the office.* Producers who have not participated in the past and wish to participate in 2011 need to stop by the office to complete and submit "Page 1" to be eligible for wool LDPs. "Page 1" must be filed before beneficial interest of the commodity is lost (i.e. sold). Contact the office for more information or to fill out your "Page 1".

Price support options for wool producers

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 provides 2008-2012 crop year marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for wool and mohair to eligible producers who produce and shear wool and mohair from live sheep and goats. The LDP program is also available to eligible producers of non-graded wool in the form of unshorn pelts for the 2008-2012 crop years.



Marketing assistance loans are also available to wool and mohair producers for the 2008-2012 crop years. The wool and mohair nonrecourse marketing assistance loan and LDP program provides eligible producers with two forms of Federal assistance. Eligible producers can either:

- request a nine-month marketing assistance loan; or
- agree to forgo the loan and request an LDP.

The program's objective is to help stabilize America's wool and mohair industry and ensures the well-being of agriculture in the United States. Nonrecourse marketing assistance loans are administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).



!CHA-CHING!

Have you made changes to your bank account?

Almost all FSA payments are made using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and

late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure uninterrupted service.



Look for Your 2010 IRS Form 1099-G



Each year producers receive 1099-G forms from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) detailing payments producers have received from the CCC. CCC's annual report

of program payments on the 1099-Gs helps our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producer's own responsibility to report income to the IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.



The Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA Staff would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to serving you in the 2011 year!

Oil, Gas, Wind & Mineral Leases

Submitted by WY State FSA Office

Many areas in Wyoming are seeing increased interest in resource development. If you are approached and considering entering into agreements regarding your property and resources;

you are strongly encouraged to contact an attorney prior to signature. Agreements are legally binding and often have lengthy duration. Make sure you protect your land, your family, and yourself.



Additionally, if you participate in USDA programs, we also recommend that you contact your local office prior to signature to assist you in assessing the impact of the lease on your program participation.



Jim Hodder is elected to his third 3-year term, representing LAA #2 on the Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA Committee.



Thank you for making your voice heard in the 2010 election!



*if you haven't filed '09/'10
IRS 927 and/or 928
contact the office
ASAP*

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). 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. Notice of loss information will need to include date(s) of storm and what the adverse weather was (i.e. snow, rain etc).

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?

Each applicant will need to provide records showing beginning inventory, ending inventory, normal death losses and death losses due to adverse weather.

The inventories and losses can be a combination of different types of records; for example, preg check bills/records, producer book, shearing receipts/records, docking records, sales/purchase receipts etc. This is not an all-inclusive list, other records may be acceptable.

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.



LFP in Lincoln County

Lincoln County has qualified for 1 month payment under the Livestock Forage Program (LFP). If you have land physically located in Lincoln County and administered out of Sweetwater/Sublette County, please contact the Sweetwater/Sublette County office to file your 2010 LFP application.

You will need your livestock numbers that were grazing in Lincoln County during the period of May 1 – September 25 and a copy of any Forest Service and/or BLM permits located in Lincoln County.



The deadline to file a 2010 application is January 30, 2011.



Lender of First Opportunity

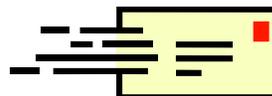


FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers

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.

Contact Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager for Sweetwater & Sublette Counties for more information about guaranteed and direct loans. He comes to our counties regularly, so we can set up a meeting for you. He can be contacted at 307.856.7524.

GET YOUR NEWSLETTER IN YOUR INBOX



You can still sign up for the Sweetwater/Sublette FSA Newsletter by email. Email us at jennifer.dutton@wy.usda.gov or call us at 307.362.3062 ext. 2 to get on the mailing list.





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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

- **December 24** – office closed; Christmas
- **December 31** – office closed; New Years
- **January** – submit “Page 1” for wool LDPs (watch for it in the mail)
- **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)



*Happy Holidays
office closed
December 24 & 31*



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