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Sweetwater/Sublette County
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FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Kathy Miller, Chairperson
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 Ben Arambel, Member
 Robert Anderson, Member

FSA Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED
 Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT
 David Zahavi, GIS Intern
 Martin Hoffland, DD

Farm Loan Programs

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:

June 15 – COC nomination opens
July 13 – LIP signup period opens
August 3 – COC nomination closes
August 5-6 – Office will be closed due to training
August 14 – DCP & ACRE signup deadline
August 14 – Acreage Report deadline (extension)

Foreign Landowner Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

County government offices, real estate agents, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Assistance Provided for Livestock Losses

If you suffered livestock death losses in 2008 and/or 2009 due to eligible adverse weather events, 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. If you believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office. We are now taking sign-ups for LIP. There will *not* be any late-file provisions. Application periods are as follows:

<i>If you suffered livestock losses in:</i>	<i>Then you must file your LIP notice of loss by:</i>	<i>And your application for payment by:</i>
2008	September 13, 2009	September 13, 2009
January 1, 2009 – July 12, 2009	September 13, 2009	January 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 – December 31, 2009	No later than 30 days from when loss is apparent	January 30, 2010
2010-2011	No later than 30 days from when loss is apparent	30 days after the calendar year in which losses occurred

Please contact the Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA office for more information or with questions.

Reminder: Office will be closed Aug. 5-6 for training.

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County Committee Elections

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. **Elections are being held for LAA #4. This position is currently held by Kathy Miller. LAA 4 is north of the Sweetwater/Sublette county line and west of Hwy 191 (see map).**



Remember there are important deadlines coming up associated with COC elections.

- **August 3, 2009 - Nominations close, please contact the county office for a nomination form.**
- November 6, 2009 – ballots are mailed to eligible voters.
- December 7, 2009 – ballots are due at the county office to be counted.
- January 1, 2009 – county committee members' term begins.