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**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:

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Sweetwater/Sublette County
October 2009



Catch 2010 NAP

And get:

- ✓ **Catastrophic coverage on non-insurable crops**
- ✓ **Eligibility for Livestock Forage Program**
- ✓ **Eligibility for Emergency Loss Assistance for Livestock**
- ✓ **Eligibility for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program**

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, 2009**. 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 2009 NAP policies may choose continuous coverage on the same crops for 2010. 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.

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.



for more NAP information from the County office in the mail and newsletters! Contact the County office to get your 2010 NAP coverage before **December 1, 2009!**

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Report NAP Losses

Remember to report losses on NAP crops within 15 days of the disaster occurrence or when the losses are apparent. Notices of losses filed more than 15 days after occurrence (late-filed) can still be approved by COC if verification of the specific crop and acreage can be made. It must also be determined that the loss was due to an eligible disaster condition. If both determinations cannot be made the application will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for NAP payment.

Biomass Crop Assistance Program

Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) is available to chippers and producers who have contracts to prepare and deliver materials to biomass conversion facilities. Chippers and producers with such contracts can receive payments to assist with collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST). CHST payments are made at a rate of \$1 to \$1 per dry ton equivalent received by an eligible biomass conversion facility. Please contact the Sweetwater County FSA office for more information.

Conservation Stewardship Program

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to maintain existing conservation practices and implementing new ones. Only privately owned cropland, grassland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forest land will be eligible. Second round funding deadline is Jan. 15, 2010.

Producers must meet several requirements to participate:

- ✓ Be the operator of an FSA farm
- ✓ Document control of the eligible land for entire life of contract
- ✓ Comply with HELC provisions
- ✓ Comply with AGI provisions
- ✓ Complete self-screening checklist
- ✓ Submit application

The application process is fairly lengthy, so please allow enough time to complete the application before the deadline. Additional information and checklist is available at the NRCS website www.nrcs.usda.gov/new_csp.

Sublette County – Jennifer Hayward 307.367.2257 ext. 110

Sweetwater County – Jeff Lewis 307.787.3211 ext. 101

Stack ‘em, Count ‘em, Report ‘em

Keep Your APH up in case of disaster conditions!

While it's still fresh in your mind, swing by the office, (or send in), and report your 2009 hay production. 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.



Final Payments for 2009 DCP

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be deposited directly into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30).

The (2009-2011) direct payment for a crop equals 83.3% of the farm's base acreage times (x) the farm's direct payment yield times (x) the direct payment rate.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you are about to receive.



Was Your Grass Gone?

Livestock Forage Program

Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire on fire between January 1, 2008 and October 1, 2011.

Applications will only be accepted by the County Office after being notified by National Office of a qualifying drought. A qualifying drought is determined by the US Drought Monitor according to the following:

- 🌿 D2 any area for 8 consecutive weeks = 1 month payment
- 🌿 D3 any area at anytime = 2 months payment
- 🌿 D3, any area for 4 weeks = 3 months payment
- 🌿 D4 any area at anytime = 3 months payment

Drought eligibility criteria also require that the drought must have occurred on:

- 🌿 Native or improved permanent vegetative cover
- 🌿 Small grains or forage sorghum planted specifically for grazing

Losses due to drought must occur during the normal grazing period for the specific type of grazing land.

A qualifying fire must have

- 🔥 Occurred on federal rangeland
- 🔥 Prohibited producer from grazing permitted livestock

Covered livestock include beef cattle, buffalo/beefalo, dairy cattle, alpaca, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine that are maintained for commercial use. Eligible livestock can include those that were sold due to drought or fire in the current production year or the previous 2 production years.

LFP cont'd

Producers are required to have NAP to be eligible for LFP benefits.

Eligible acreage will be determined by intended use as certified by the producer on the annual crop report

****It is very important these reflect the actual harvest methods being used****

Sweetwater and Sublette counties qualify for 2008 losses. If you had 2008 NAP, you qualify for assistance. All loss claims must be filed by **December 10, 2009**. There are no late-file provisions. *What to bring:*



For 2009 and subsequent years, signup applications must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred. Losses must occur in the calendar year the application is being filed.

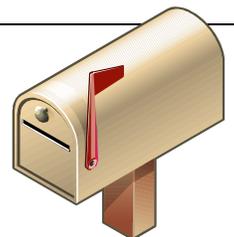
Call the office to make an appointment:

Pinedale	NRCS Office	October 29	10-4
Big Piney	Library	October 27	10-4
McKinnon or Manila	TBD	November 4	10-4
Rock Springs	FSA Office	Normal business hours	

You've Got Mail!

Ballots for the County Committee Election will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA #4 on November 6, 2009.

LAA #4 is north of the Sweetwater/Sublette county line and west of Hwy 191. Ballots are due back to the County Office by **December 7, 2009**. If you live in LAA #4 and do not receive a ballot, please contact the county office.



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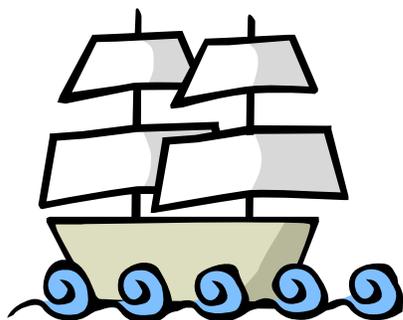
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**File your barley LDP
before March 31, 2010!**

***Columbus Day
October 12
Office Closed***



Acreage Spot Check Determinations and Notification

Each year FSA completes spot checks of acreage reports. Acreage reports are an integral part of farm program participation. Acreage spot checks are completed to ensure accurate acreage reports in farm program computations.

FSA will conduct spot checks on a selected number of farms in each state. All acreage determinations use the FSA Geographic Information System official acreages.

After farms are spot checked, a Notice of Determined Acreage will be sent to the farm operator. Questions concerning determined acres should be directed to your local FSA office for further explanation.