



# NEWSLETTER



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## 2011 Supplement Disaster Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for the 2011 crop year Supplemental Disaster Assistance Program (SURE) will start on October 22, 2012 and end on June 7, 2013. This program will cover losses to crops that occurred due to an eligible weather event that occurred prior to September 30, 2011. In order to qualify, a producer with land physically located in Weston County must have incurred at least a 10% or greater loss to a crop of economic significance. Under SURE, the 10% loss is on all production of that crop in all counties. In addition, you must have had all crops of economic significance insured and a crop acreage report for 2011 must be on file in our office on all acres and land uses for which you have an interest. The 10% loss requirement applies to Weston County because of the Secretarial Disaster Declaration received for a contiguous county.

## Outgoing Payments

The Weston County Office is currently issuing DCP/ACRE and CRP payments for the 2012 year. In addition, the county office is calculating 2012 NAP payments. **All current leases must be on file before payments can be processed.** As soon as we have processed a payment we will mail out a transaction summary. Please review these summaries for accuracy. If you are expecting a payment and have not received it by the end of November please contact our office.

We would also like to remind all producers who are signed up and approved for ECP to bring in your receipts as soon as your project is finished and before the 6 month deadline.

## November 15th Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline

November 15th, 2012 marks the deadline to report all fall seeded small grains and perennial forage crops for the 2013 calendar year. Please contact our office for an appointment.

## Discrimination Claim Period Opens

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the opening of the claim period for Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers that allege discrimination during the period 1981 thru 2000. The claim period will run from September 24, 2012 thru March 25, 2013. More information is available from the website: [www.farmersclaims.gov](http://www.farmersclaims.gov) or by phone: 1-888-508-4429.

## Committee Election Nominations

Weston County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 2. LAA 2 includes the area north of Township 44N and west of Range 64W.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 5 and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by December 3, 2012.



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### **Secretarial Disaster Designation**

Tax season will be here before we know it so if you were forced to sell more cattle this year than you had planned stop by and pick up a copy of Secretarial Disaster Designation S3319 to take to your tax preparer. It may be possible for you to defer this years' income for the coming year.

### **Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**

NAP is catastrophic level (50% coverage) insurance for crops not insured by Federal Crop Insurance. The Wyoming State FSA Committee has established **December 1, 2012** as the application deadline for 2012 perennial (grass for grazing or hay) and biennial forage crops. The deadline for all other crops will remain April 1, 2012.

### **IRS 1099 Changes**

Calendar year 2012 has brought changes to the way FSA reports farm program payments to the producer and to the IRS. In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G. Also, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more. The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

### **Dates to Remember**

**November 12** - Veterans Day Holiday – Office Closed

**November 15** - Pasture and fall planted wheat final crop reporting date

**November 22** - Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office Closed

**December 1** - Final Day to buy a NAP Policy for grass hay or grass for grazing.

**December 25** - Christmas Holiday – Office Closed



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