



**Big Horn County
Farm Service Center
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The Big Horn Bulletin

Attention Bean Producers

Producers who participate in DCP may plant cropland in excess of the total base acreage on the farm to any commodity. However, producers are subject to certain restrictions on the planting of fruits, and vegetables (FAV). Planting of non-perennial FAV's on DCP base acres is not a violation if the FAV's are destroyed without benefit before harvest. The FAV destruction must be verified by FSA. FAV's may be planted on DCP base acres and a DCP contract violation will not occur if any of the following three exceptions to the planting restriction rule apply: 1) double cropping regions, 2) farm history, 3) producer history. If any of these exceptions apply there will be an acre-for-acre reduction in the program payment. But, if FAV's are planted on DCP base acres and one of the three exceptions does not apply, the DCP contract has been violated and may be terminated.

Acreege Reporting

It's time to file your annual acreage report. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crop acreage reports are to be certified by the **July 2, 2007**, or you will be assessed a **\$46.00 per farm** late filing fee. We will need to know planting dates for your crop again this year, please bring this information with you when you file your acreage report. This year we will not be scheduling any reporting, so we are encouraging you to come in as soon as your planting is complete to file your reports.

2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical

It's time to enroll you farm for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program. Signups will be accepted starting October 1, 2006 through Aug 3, 2007. This year the enrollment deadline has been extended, but the late file deadline will remain September 30, 2007. Please stop by our office and complete your 2007 signup as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your farming interests, please wait until your plans are definite before signups are completed. With new requirements for eligibility we are asking that everyone come to the office this year to complete their signup and eligibility paperwork. Advance payments on the 2007 DCP will be paid on 22 percent of your total payment with the final payment being 78 percent. If you are ready to enroll or have questions concerning your farms enrollment stop by or call our office.

Reminder for NAP Applicants

To remain eligible for NAP, a producer must annually report the crop, including: type, variety, location, producer shares, date planted, and the intended use (fresh, processed, etc.). Once the crop is harvested the production must also be reported. In the event of a crop failure caused by natural disaster, the producer needs to notify the local FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576). The notice of loss must be executed **within 15 days** of the date the damage became apparent.

The EZ Makes It Easy

In order to receive a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP), the CCC-633 EZ page 1 must be signed before loss of beneficial interest in the commodity. Page 1 indicates intent to receive LDP payment, but payment is not actually made until Page 2 is completed after harvest. When doing your crop report please remember to sign page 1. The LDP request, page 2, can be submitted at any time during the loan availability period, before or after losing beneficial interest. All producers are encouraged to submit page 1 of the EZ for each crop year whether or not they plan to subsequently request a loan or LDP.

Loss Adjusters Wanted

USDA/FSA is looking for loss adjusters that have crop appraising experience. If you wish to partner with the Farm Service Agency please contact Wyoming Farm Service Agency 951 Werner Ct., Ste 130, Casper, Wyoming 82601. Or call (307)261-5010.

County Committee Election

Our office is now accepting nominations for the Local Administrative Area 2 (LAA-2) county committee. This LAA covers the area west of the Big Horn River, north to Sheep Mountain and south to Manderson, then all farm ground to the Washakie County line. If you are interested in being part of the county committee team please complete the attached FSA-669A and return it to our office before **August 1, 2007**. Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions. Please participate in the nomination process and complete the enclosed form either for yourself or a producer in LAA-2. For further information on this process please contact this office.

Foreign Investors

The Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires foreign persons or entities who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Such holdings and changes must be reported within 90 days of any purchase, sale, or change in status or ownership of land. Foreign agriculture investors must report investments to the local FSA office on form FSA-153. Contact this office for more information.

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

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| 1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or print Nominee's Full Name)</i> | TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE |
| 2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE | |
| 3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> | 5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i> |
| | 6A. COUNTY Big Horn |
| | 6B. LAA NO. 1-2 |
| 7. STATE Wyoming | |
| 4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE | 4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i> |
| DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR | |

8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

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| ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino | RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White | GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
- ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
- ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
- ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.*

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE
Big Horn County FSC
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Return Service Requested

Important Dates

Prior to Harvest – Sign CCC-633EZ Pg 1 for LDP's
May 28, 2007 – Office Closed Memorial Day
July 2, 2007 – Acreage Reporting Deadline
July 4, 2007 – Office Closed Independence Day
Aug 3, 2007- DCP Signup Deadline

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Special Accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, vision- or hearing-impaired person upon request. If accommodations are required, please call Bryan Schoenfelder, CED at (307)765-2689.