

SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

December 2006

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County Committee Election

Ballots will be counted on December 11th at 2 pm at the Campbell County FSA Office, located at 601 4-J Court, Suite B, Gillette, WY 82716. The public is welcome to attend.

NEW Fee Schedule for Measurement Services

Newly mandated measurement service fees will be applied when a farm visit is required. The new rates were established to provide uniformity between State and County Offices as well as recoup costs associated with performing the services. The following basic farm fees and hourly rates are required by procedure:

Basic Farm Fee: \$30

Plus Hourly Rate \$16 first hour and \$8 every 30minuts after the first hour. (Minimum charge 1 hour)

Measurement service fees apply to several programs. ie: all late-filed acreage reports require a farm visit and will be assessed a minimum of \$46 for one farm, additional farms will mean additional fees.

Emergency Loans Available

Campbell County farmers who suffered significant damage due to drought, excessive heat, high winds and wildfires that occurred during 2006 may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency if they are unable to get financing from other sources. These loans carry an interest rate of 3.75 percent. Emergency loans may be made for both production losses and physical losses.

Production Losses: Eligible farmers may use emergency loan funds to recover a portion of losses on growing crops that were destroyed.

Physical Losses: Eligible farmers can use emergency loan funds to repair or rebuild essential farm buildings, clean debris or prepare land for replanting, and to replace livestock, supplies and harvested crops on hand or in storage that were lost.

Loan applications will be accepted at our office through 7/16/2007. For additional information, please contact Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager at 307-682-8843, Extension 2.

2007 DCP Sign-up Continues...

Producers are reminded the 2007 DCP (Direct and Counter-cyclical Program) sign-up period has started. Sign-up began Oct 1, 2006, and must be completed before June 1, 2007. (You can sign your contract after June 1 and before Sept. 30, 2007, but you will be assessed a late-signing fee of \$100.) When you sign the CCC-509, you agree to:

- comply with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions on all your land;
- devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use;
- effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices;
- not plant perennial fruits and vegetables or harvest annual FAVs (other than lentils, mung beans, and dry peas) or wild rice on base acres (Exceptions: Double-cropping covered commodities or peanuts with wild rice, fruits, or vegetables shall be permitted in any region in which there is a history of this type of double-cropping.);
- file an acreage report with respect to all cropland on the farm; and
- notify the county office staff when there is a transfer of or change of interest of a producer.

The DCP contracts are not like the old seven-year Production Flexibility Contracts. You must designate shares and sign a new DCP contract each year.



*Happy Holidays from the
Campbell County FSA
Office Staff
And Best Wishes for 2007!*

News from the Campbell County Conservation District

Due to the Little Powder River, Stonepile Creek and Donkey Creek being listed on WY DEQ's 303(d) impaired list, Table A, impaired water bodies for fecal coliform bacteria; the Campbell County Conservation District applied for and received funding for a Clean Water Act, Section 319 grant from Wyoming DEQ.

The 319 grant provides cost share of projects to address improper corral placements and/or non-functioning septic systems on a voluntary basis. These projects must be within the above listed waterbodies. The projects must meet the criteria for the funding. Please contact the Campbell County Conservation District for a listing of the criteria for both Animal Feeding Operations and septic system rehabilitations.

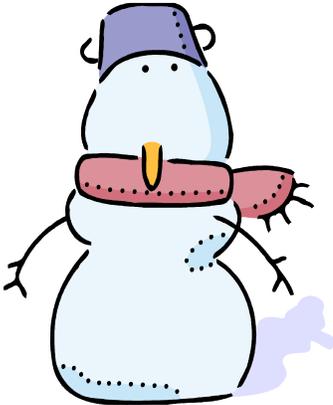
Upon project completion, the landowner is able to submit documentation for reimbursement. **Animal Feeding Operations projects are on a cost-share basis of 70% federal funding and 30% landowner funding. Septic system projects are on a 50-50 cost-share basis.**

At the end of 2006, 9 septic projects and 3 Animal Feeding Operation projects have been completed in the Little Powder River Watershed. There are 5 septic projects and 1 AFO project in the process. One septic project has been completed in the Donkey Creek/Stonepile Creek Watershed and 1 AFO is in the process.

Please remember, if landowners are issued a notice of violation from WYDEQ, they will no longer be eligible to apply for cost-share funds through the District, but will still be required to remediate the source of impairment at their own expense.

Application Deadline is February 28, 2007.

For more information on how to participate, please call the CCCD at (307) 682-1824.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4, 2006 – Last day to return completed county committee election ballots

December 11, 2006 – 2:00 pm – COC Election Public Ballot Counting

December 13, 2006 – Holiday Open House 2:00 – 4:00 pm

December 15, 2006 – Deadline to apply for Livestock Assistance Grant Program with the WY Department of Agriculture

December 25, 2006 - County Office Closed – Christmas Day Holiday

January 1, 2007 – County Office Closed – New Years Day Holiday

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, etc.

Any time --CRP Continuous Signup

--Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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