

# **SERVICE CENTER NEWS**

**Campbell County Wyoming**

**JUNE 2007**

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## **2007 Acreage Reports**

The annual requirement of reporting to the FSA office can be referred to as crop reporting, acreage reporting, or crop certification. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Load Deficiency Payments. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported. Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers are required to file reports by July 2, 2007.

### **Prevented Planting:**

Prevented planting needs be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

### **Failed Acreage:**

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

## **Production History**

**July 2, 2007** is also the deadline for turning in your 2006 crop production for NAP. Failure to turn in production will decrease your yield history which will cost you program benefits.

## **Continuous CRP**

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP.

Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year.

For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments or local Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) availability, please contact your local FSA office.

## **COC Election Nominations**

From June 15 through Aug. 1, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Campbell County Farm Service Agency County Committee.

This is an important time for Local Administrative Area communities, because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers and ranchers manage tough financial times and natural disasters.

County committee members make many other important decisions that affect local farmers and ranchers, such as whether haying and grazing should be allowed on Conservation Reserve Program land. Talk to a county committee member or the County Executive Director for details on the types of decisions county committee members make.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

*Please take the time to participate by completing the nomination form included with this newsletter for your convenience.*

Remember, the nomination period runs June 15 through Aug. 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2. Dec. 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2008.

## **Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Signup Deadline Extended**

Direct and Counter-cyclical Program sign-up period began October 1, 2006 and has been extended to **August 3, 2007**. (You can sign your contract after August 3 and before Sept. 30, 2007, but you will be assessed a late-signing fee of \$100.)

***Please Note: The September 30 deadline falls on a Sunday, making the final workday, Friday, September 28, 2007 the final day to sign. The date will not be extended!***

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.

## **Signing for Entities**

To sign FSA forms for trusts, limited liability companies, cooperatives, partnerships or corporations, producers need a document on file at the county office saying you're authorized to sign for the entity. It could be a copy of the articles of partnership or articles of corporation or a valid power of attorney.

You also have to know how you're supposed to sign. In almost all instances, when you are signing for an entity, your signature has to include "by" or "for," indicating you're signing in a representative capacity.

Remember, if you've established an entity for your operation, you can no longer sign forms and contracts as yourself. When you have signing authority for an entity, you have to sign forms on behalf of the entity.

## **Preventing Fraud & Waste**

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA. Producers can report suspected cases to FSA or RMA.

## **CCC-633-EZ Reminder**

The Farm Service Agency currently uses the CCC-633-EZ form. It's a one size fits all form you can fill out to indicate your intention to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest.

The same form is then used to submit a request for an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

For the 2007 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDPs for wool, pelts, and small grain crops.

## **CROP LOSS ADJUSTERS NEEDED**

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

## **Farm Loan Programs**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$200,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$899,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

For detail information loan eligibility or the different available loan programs, just contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan officer.

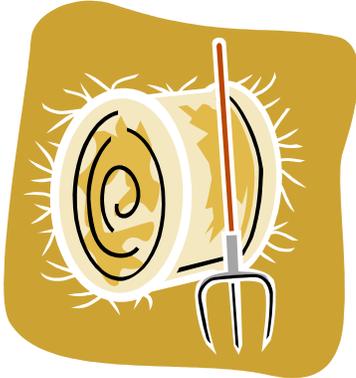
## **RANGE PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

**June 27, 2007  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

Learn how to identify Western Wheat Grass and other common range plants found in Campbell County with Area Range Conservationist, George Gamblin and Tim Kellogg, District Conservationist.

*Please call the CC Conservation District at 682-1824 to reserve your seat.*



### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 27, 2007 – Range Plant Identification Workshop  
July 2, 2007 - Deadline to file 2007 Acreage reports  
July 2, 2007 - Deadline to submit 2006 Hay production for NAP  
July 4, 2007 – Office Closed – Independence Day Holiday  
August 1, 2007 – Last day to submit Nominations for County Committee Election  
August 3, 2007 – Deadline for Direct & Counter-cyclical Program sign-up  
September 28, 2007 – Late-signing deadline for DCP Contract

### **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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