

SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

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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.)

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.

2007 Acreage Reports

We are approaching the time of year to file your annual acreage report which is a requirement for the program benefits you receive from this office. If you have had any land record changes (land purchases, sales, new leases, etc.), please advise the office ahead of time so we will be prepared for your acreage report.

The office is again requesting appointments to avoid long delays or extra trips to the office. The 2007 deadline to file your report is July 2. Reports filed after this date will be assessed a late-filed fee and the office will have to visit your farm to verify the acres. **This fee has increased** to a basic farm fee of \$30.00 per farm PLUS an hourly rate of \$16.00 for the first hour plus \$8.00 every 30 minutes after the first hour for the amount of time it takes the office to visit your farm. The clock starts when we leave the office. The late filed fee will always be a minimum of \$46.00 per farm.

Production History

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

2007 Wool and Mohair Loans and LPD's

Attention Sheep Producers: Wool, Unshorn pelts and Sheared LDPs for 2007 need to be filed before you lose beneficial interest (lose control / ownership). Producers must sign a CCC-633EZ before selling wool or if wool will be sold to the shearer. Please contact the County Office prior to shearing or selling unshorn slaughter lambs to file the correct forms. The deadline to file for 2007 wool LDP is January 31, 2008.

County Committee Election Process Begins

The Campbell County FSA Committee will begin accepting nominations for the county committee election **June 15th through August 1st 2007**. Local Administrative Area (LAA) number 1 is up for election. Currently, Amanda Sorenson represents LAA #1. To be nominated for the committee, a person must have an interest in farming or ranching operation that physically lies in the LAA. This person may be an individual or may be a representative of a legal entity, such as a corporation, and must live in the LAA and be an eligible voter.

Duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- * Informing farmers/ranchers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs.
- * Keeping the Wyoming State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- * Recommending needed changes in farm programs.
- * Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- * Performing other duties as assigned by the Wyoming State FSA Committee.

An FSA-669A nomination form, will be sent in a separate mailing, additional copies may be obtained at the FSA County office. The deadline for returning a completed nomination form is **August 1, 2007**. Only one person may be nominated per form and the form must be signed by the nominee, indicating a willingness to serve if elected. A list of eligible voters, which includes the names of persons eligible to run for county committee, is available at this office.

Potential New Continuous CRP Initiative for Campbell County

On March 22, 2007, the National FSA office announced a new Continuous CRP initiative called State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE). This program is designed to allow states to address local wildlife conservation needs. SAFE will allow producers to install practices that benefit high priority State wildlife conservation objectives through the use of targeted restoration of important habitat. This cooperative conservation effort is based on locally developed conservation proposals that address the highest priority wildlife objectives in the State.

In Campbell County the planned objective will be the restoration of native grass and shrubs on eligible cropland. The program is authorized to pay 50% cost share and Practice Incentive Payments (PIP) for the establishment of permanent cover. Total cost share can equal up to 90% for selected practices. Additional cost share may be available from partnering agencies. In addition to the cost share FSA has also authorized a Signing Incentive Payment (SIP) of \$10/acre/year of the contract. This is an up front payment that the producer will receive shortly after signing the contract. The SIP will pay \$100 per acre for a ten year contract and \$150 per acre for a 15 year contract. The signup is scheduled to start in 2008 and will be open year round.

If you are interesting in participating in this or any other Continuous CRP program please contact Peggy at FSA 307-682-8843 ext 2 or Tim at NRCS 307-682-8843 ext3.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT WORKSHOP

When: May 4, 2007
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Campbell County Public Library
Wyoming Room

Speakers: Paul Shelton -
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Laura Dalles -
Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust

Information covering: Uses
Valuation
Financial Planning
Tax Benefits

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOSTED BY THE CAMPBELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PLEASE RESERVE A SEAT OR REQUEST ACCOMODATIONS BY CALLING 682-1824

Small Acreage “Hands On” Workshop

Date: May 5, 2007 **Time:** 8:30 am – 4:00 pm **Location:** Cooperative Extension Office
Lunch Provided 1000 South Douglas Highway
Gillette, Wyoming

Please register by May 1st by contacting:
Michelle Cook at (307) 682-1824 or icd@vcn.com
You may also register at the workshop from
8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. but R.S.V.P. preferred for lunch count

Sponsored by: Campbell County Conservation District
Campbell County Cooperative Extension
The Non-point Source Task Force (WyDEQ)
Small Acreage Multi-Agency Issue Team

The Workshop will feature the following presentations:

- Topic 1:** Wind Breaks & Tree Establishments
- Topic 2:** Encouraging or Discouraging Backyard Habitat
- Topic 3:** Water Quality: Septic System Planning
- Topic 4:** Wyoming Pasture Grass Varieties & Grazing
- Topic 5:** Range & Pasture Weed Control
- Topic 6:** Native and Adapted Landscape Plants
- Topic 7:** Water Sampling for Water Quality
- Topic 8:** Pasture Grass Identification
- Topic 9:** Chemical Sprayer Calibration
- Topic 10:** Fencing Demonstration



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4, 2007 – Conservation Easement Workshop
May 5, 2007 – Small Acreage “Hands On” Workshop
May 28, 2007 – Office Closed - Memorial Day Holiday
July 2, 2007 - Deadline to file 2007 Acreage reports
July 2, 2007 - Deadline to submit 2006 Hay production
July 4, 2007 – Office Closed – Independence Day Holiday
August 3, 2007 – Deadline for Direct &Counter-cyclical Program sign-up

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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