



# Cowboy Country Connection

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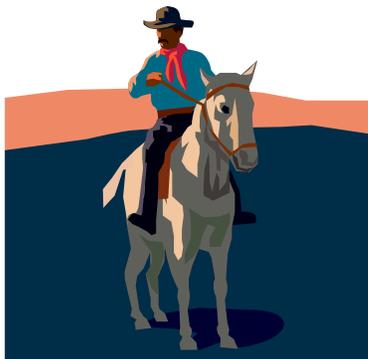
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## County Committee Elections Held

Carbon and Albany FSA held their election for two members of the COC representing LAA 1, Medicine Bow District and LAA 4, North Albany County. Results of the elections are as follows: J. Scott Sims was re-elected to serve producers in LAA 1, Medicine Bow District, no alternate was elected. Kelly Kennedy was re-elected to serve in LAA 4, North Albany County, and Jim Atkinson will be first alternate in that area.

If you see any of these ranchers tell them thank you for taking the time to serve as a liaison between producers and Farm Service Agency programs in your area!

## Wool and Mohair Loans and LDP's for 2007

Wool, unshorn pelts and sheared LDP's for crop year 2007 need to be filed before you lose beneficial interest (control or ownership). Producers must sign a CCC-633 EZ before selling wool or if wool will be sold to the shearer. Please call our county office prior to shearing or selling unshorn slaughter lambs to file the forms. The crop year for wool, mohair, and pelts in January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup> 2007.

**The deadline to file for 2007 wool LDP is January 31, 2008.**

## Disaster Sign Up Information

### 2005/2006/2007 Crop Disaster Program Signup Begins

Signup for the Crop Disaster Program began October 15, 2007. Program benefits will be based on crop losses incurred in the 2005/2006 crop years. Applications will be taken by appointment at the county office. Please call to set up your appointment time in Saratoga or Laramie.

CDP provides benefits to ranchers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in those years must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in same year.

**Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.**

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by the quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by the loss. The qualify loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster.

Ranchers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in **CDP** benefits. Producers eligible for **CDP** can also receive benefits under LIP and LCP, which is described in detail in the following paragraphs.

### **Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) Signup Begins**

The **Livestock Compensation Program** will pay benefits to livestock producers for losses incurred in 2005/2006. Appointments will be given priority for these applications. **Please call the county office to set up your appointment.**

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared as Presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are eligible. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006, 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to receive benefits. **Carbon and Albany Counties meet the disaster declaration requirements for LCP for 2006 only. Carbon and Albany County producers can receive LCP program payments for 2006 only.**

The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer. The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate. USDA will publish these rates in the LCP fact sheet. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in **LCP** benefits.

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