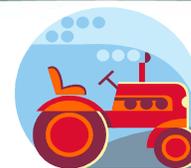


Farm Service Agency

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LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)



LDPs and commodity loans may be available for eligible commodities: wheat, barley, oats, corn, wool, mohair, and honey. Hay, silage, and unshorn pelts derived from these commodities are eligible for an LDP, but not for loans. As of August 20, 2007, wool is the only commodity with an LDP.

If you plan to sell a commodity directly from the field (or sell your wool to the shearer or directly ship to a warehouse) you must file a CCC-633EZ prior to harvest. Page 1 of the CCC-633EZ must be filed with the County FSA Office prior to the producer losing beneficial interest in the commodity. The wool LDP changes weekly, other commodities daily. Current rates can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> under Price Support.

MEASUREMENT SERVICES RATES

FSA provides a number of measurement services for our producers that include: measuring crops after planting, measuring fields prior to planting, re-measuring previously measured acreages, verifying crops and disaster conditions and acreages, measuring or sampling farm stored grains and other commodity crops, and verifying crops for late filed crop reports. The cost of this service has changed. It is now \$30 for the basic farm fee and \$16 for the first hour and \$8 for every 30 minutes after the first hour with a minimum of 1 hour charge.



EMAIL

If you are interested in contacting us via email, staff members email addresses are as follows first.last@wy.usda.gov.

YOUTH LOANS



FSA makes loans to individual rural youths, ages 10 through 20, to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations. The maximum loan amount for this program is \$5,000.00.

LOANS AVAILABLE FOR BEGINNING FARMERS, SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom:

Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years

- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Socially disadvantaged groups are Hispanics, American Indians, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., we have a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.



Sign-up for crop year 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006. We encourage producers to enroll their farms in the DCP program as soon as possible, the deadline for 2007 DCP contracts have been extended from June 1st to **August 3rd**. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007, and before September 28, 2007. Applications signed after September 28, 2007 cannot be approved.

FORT WASHAKIE OFFICE DAYS

You don't have to come to us, we'll come to you. The FSA program and loan staff is now offering business hours in Ft. Washakie. Appointments are encouraged, so that we can provide necessary forms and/or staff, but you are also welcome to just stop by and we will try to answer any of your questions. Office days will usually be held the first Wednesday of every month, from 1pm to 3pm, at the NRCS trailer next to the WIC building. Our next office day is **September 5th**; we look forward to seeing you!

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

 The nominations for the Fremont County Committee are in. Local Administrative Area 3, representing the Lander and Dubois area, nominees for the 2008 election are Thad Dockery, Bryan Hamilton, and David Killebrew. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters **November 2nd** and will need to be returned to the Service Center by **December 3rd**.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

Timelines have been accelerated for the program year 2008. The EQIP application deadline for submittal is October 1, 2007. Any application received after that date will NOT be considered until the 2009 program year. We (NRCS) are in the process of contacting all producers who have submitted applications in previous years to see if they are still interested and if proposed conservation projects have changed. For more information, call 856-7524 Ext 3.



!!IMPORTANT DATES!!

Sept 3	Labor Day - Office Closed
Sept 5	Ft. Washakie Office Day
Sept 28	DCP Deadline For Late Filing
Oct 1	EQIP Application Deadline
Nov 2	Elections Will Be Mailed

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FSA has an employment opportunity for a Program Technician in the Riverton County Office. This is a full-time federal position with duties primarily focused on Farm Loan Programs and Administrative activities. Interested individuals should contact the FSA office at 856-7524 for details.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

7CFR 1437.10 (2) Notice of loss and application for payment states - For low yield claims and allowable value loss, the earlier of: 15 calendar days after the damaging weather or adverse natural occurrence, or date loss of the crop or commodity becomes apparent for low yield claims; and 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.

So the latest date we will consider the CCC-576 to be timely filed is 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date. For instance, if the normal harvest date for grazing is October 15, the producer will need to file for a grazing loss prior to October 30. After that date late filed provisions need to be followed. Refer to 1-NAP par 401C. COC may not approve the notice of loss if time will not permit COC or an authorized representative the opportunity to inspect the specific crop acreage to verify the damage or extent of damage caused by the asserted disaster condition.

Do not forget to file your Notice of Loss; it has to be filed within 15 days of loss being apparent and no later than 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.