

Farm Service Agency

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LEASE AGREEMENTS

Recently there has been increased interest in flexible or combination leases. These rental provisions are developed to protect landlords and tenants, as well as to insure compliance with payment limitation rules. In the past, most farmers negotiated a specific cash rent fee and nothing else. Due to the recent spike in cash grain prices, many renters and landlords are becoming more creative in the way rent is figured.

If a lease bases the rent on the amount of crop produced or the income derived from that crop (whether or not the crop is actually grown), or any combination of the two, it is a share lease and the landlord must receive a share of the DCP contract payment. This is because the landlord now shares the risk in the crop. The more bushels produced or the higher price received for that crop creates a higher rent.

2007 COC ELECTION INFORMATION

FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees. Please complete a nomination form (FSA-669A). Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>. Deadline for nominations is August 1st.

Steve Pokorny is currently representing Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA) for his third and final three year term. Fremont County will be looking for nominee from his area, which encompasses the Lander and Dubois area.

STAFFING NEWS - BECKY WALTERS



We would like to welcome Becky Walters as our new Program Technician. Among other things, Becky will primarily be updating our county office's Geographic Information System (GIS) layer.

Becky was born and raised in Riverton and has been around agriculture all of her life. She, her husband Harley, and their two year old daughter Elie have a farm outside of Riverton; they raise hay and cattle. Becky attended and received an Associates of Arts in Accounting from Central Wyoming College in 2002, followed by a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Wyoming in 2005.

JOHN EBEN MAGNAN



We would, also, like to welcome Eben as a part of FSA's extended family. He was born April 29, 2007. Cheyenne and her husband John are enjoying their time at home with him, but will be back in the office soon. It was a unanimous decision in the office, he's a keeper! Congratulations!

DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

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 1st**. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 1, 2007, and before September 28, 2007. Applications signed after September 28, 2007 cannot be approved.



Farm land in Fremont County is naturally low in soil organic matter. For landowners interested in building their soil organic matter by applying manure but don't have a source, we have one for you. Call the Natural Resources Conservation Service Riverton Office for more details. 856-7524 Ext. 3

LOSS ADJUSTERS

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., Ste 130, Casper, Wyoming 82601. Or call (307)261-5010.

QUICK REMINDERS

If you are growing a grain crop in 2007 and/or have wool, you need to sign a CCC-633EZ before you lose beneficial interest.

2007 NAP - File your Notice of Loss, CCC-576, within 15 days of loss being apparent. For example: if you have to pull off of your range unit early and/or you are done harvesting.

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 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 **June 6th**; we look forward to seeing you!

!!IMPORTANT DATES!!

June 6	Ft. Washakie Office Day 1PM - 3PM
June 29	Deadline for 2006 NAP Production Evidence
June 29	Crop Reports Deadline
July 4	Independence Day - Office Closed
July 11	Ft. Washakie Office Day 1PM - 3PM
Aug 1	DCP Deadline
Aug 1	COC Election Nomination Deadline
Aug 1	Final Date to Request a Reconstitution



ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that 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 (DCP)**, marketing assistance loans and **Load Deficiency Payments (LDP)**. **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** 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 **June 29, 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.

Fremont County has scheduling crop report appointments as follows:

Last name ending with: A - F June 4th - June 8th
G - L June 11th - June 15th
M - S June 18th - June 22nd
T - Z June 25th - June 29th

The deadline for 2007 crop reports is **June 29, 2007**. Please note: they have increased the late filing fees from \$20.00 per farm to as starting rate of \$46.00 per farm. Don't be late!