

Farm Service Agency

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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 **December 5th**; we look forward to seeing you!

LOWER WIND RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



It's time to start thinking about planting trees. The Lower Wind River Conservation District sponsors a Seeding Tree Program. This program enables farmers, ranchers, and other landowners to obtain seedling trees at nominal cost. The purpose of the program is to encourage the owners to plant effective wind barriers, to protect

buildings, cropland, and feedlots as well as for erosion control, reforestation, and other conservation practices. A planting plan should be prepared before trees are ordered or planted. Please contact the Lower Wind River Conservation District to obtain an order form and/or to prepare a planting plan. Order early for the best selection! Lower Wind River Conservation District, 508 North Broadway Avenue, Riverton, WY 82501, (307) 856-7524 Ext. 101.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS



County Committee election ballots have been mailed to eligible voters. It is Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA), which encompasses the Lander and Dubois area. Chairman Steve Pokorny currently holds office. Steve has served the County for his 9th and final year. Running in this year's election is **Thad Dockery, Bryan Hamilton, and David Killebrew.**

Ballots are due back into the Fremont County FSA office by **December 3, 2007.** Return your ballot and let your voice be heard!

EMERGENCY LOANS

FSA provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disaster, or quarantines. Emergency loan funds may be used to: restore or replace essential property; pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year; pay essential family living expenses; reorganize the farming operation; and refinance certain debts.

Emergency loans may be made to farmers and ranchers who: own or operate land located in a county declared by the President as a disaster area or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as the disaster area or quarantine area; are established family farm operators and have sufficient farming or ranching experience; are citizens or permanent residents of the United States; have suffered at least a 30% loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate, or chattel property; have an acceptable credit history; are unable to receive credit from commercial sources; can provide collateral to secure the loan; and have repayment ability.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

****DEADLINE****

November 30, 2007 is the deadline for 2008 perennial NAP policies, which include: alfalfa seed, grass hay, and rangeland policies.

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CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disaster and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006, and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented planting would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 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 the same crop 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 a quality loss; or (2) 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.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disaster occurring on January 1, 2006.

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. 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.



IMPORTANT DATES!!

Nov 22	Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 30	2008 Purchasing NAP Deadline
Dec 3	Deadline for Returning Election Ballots
Dec 6	Counting of Election Ballots
Dec 25	Office Closed - Christmas Holiday

2007 DROUGHT DESIGNATION

Wyoming Disaster Designations have been made. This designation is based on losses caused by drought that occurred on January 1, 2007 and continuing.

As a result, Big Horn, Converse, **Fremont**, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Niobrara, Platte, Sublette, Sweetwater, Washakie, and Weston Counties are declared a primary disaster area. In addition, Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Goshen, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, Park, Sheridan, Teton, and Uinta Counties are considered contiguous counties and are therefore also eligible for assistance.

Farmers in the above listed areas may be eligible to receive Farm Service Agency emergency assistance for physical and production losses due to this disaster as indicated above. Further information regarding applications and FSA procedures may be obtained by contacting the County Office involved.

As a reminded, your local county office can request a disaster designation. Eligible disasters include: excess moisture, winter storms, excess heat, high winds, wildfires, tornadoes, lightning, insects, disease, drought, and hail. If your farming or ranching operation is affected by any of the above disasters, please notify the county office as soon as possible, so the appropriate paperwork can be file and the applicable disaster designation requested.