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CROP REPORTING

The deadline to file 2007 FSA acreage reports is July 1, 2007. If you are a sugar beet grower, are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), purchase multi-peril or catastrophic crop insurance, receive Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) or if you participate in other USDA farm programs, you must file an acreage report to remain or be eligible for benefits. Crop reports are used in calculating benefits if you suffer a crop loss on a noninsurable crop and apply for benefits under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). You must also file an acreage report of fruits and vegetables for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP). Dry beans are considered a vegetable under the DCP rules. Appointment reminders are being mailed to known agriculture producers. However, you may begin filing your acreage reports as soon as you have completed planting, even if you have not yet received an appointment. If you believe you need to file an acreage report and have not received an appointment reminder, please feel free to call for an appointment or come to the FSA office at any time and file your acreage report. **FAILURE TO FILE AN ACREAGE REPORT WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF USDA BENEFITS.**

CROP LOSS ADJUSTERS NEEDED

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

PLANTING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (Dry Beans) ON FARMS ENROLLED IN DCP

For farms that are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), don't forget the regulations concerning the acres of Fruits and Vegetables (FAV's), which includes **dry beans** grown for commercial or seed purposes, that may be grown without penalty or payment reduction. To avoid a payment reduction, liquidated damages penalty or contract termination, FAV acres may not exceed the non-contract acres for the farm. Depending on the farm or producer's FAV history, the penalty that is assessed can range from an acre for acre DCP payment reduction to severe cash penalties and possible termination of the DCP contract. A farm or producer will have a dry bean FAV history if dry beans were grown on the farm or were grown by the producer on any farm, at least once during the years of 1991 through 1995 or 1998 through 2001. An acreage report showing the dry bean acres grown must be on file in this office for the respective year(s). Following are some examples using a farm with the following information:

Cropland acres:	80
Barley DCP Contract Acres:	35
Corn DCP Contract Acres:	5
Non-contract Acres:	40

Example 1: Farm has an FAV history of dry beans

40 Acres of dry beans may be grown without payment reduction. If more than 40 acres are grown, an acre for acre payment reduction is applied.

Example 2: Neither the farm nor the grower has an FAV history of dry beans

40 acres of dry beans may be grown without payment reduction or penalty. If more than 40 acres of dry beans are grown, liquidated damages and possible contract termination will apply.

Example 3: Farm has no FAV history of dry beans, but grower has 10 acres of dry bean history

40 acres of dry beans may be grown without payment reduction or penalty. An additional 10 acres of dry beans may be grown with an acre for acre DCP payment reduction applied to those 10 acres. If more than 50 acres of dry beans are grown, liquidated damages and possible contract termination will apply.

We will be happy to review the cropping history of your farms and your personal FAV history and show you what your options are regarding the FAV provisions. **Don't forget the FAV provisions before finalizing your crop year 2007 planting plans.**

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE

Nominations for your 2007 Park County FSA committee election will be accepted through August 1. FSA county committees are elected by local agriculture producers to administer USDA farm programs at the county level. There are three Local Administrative Areas (LAA) in Park County with one LAA holding an election each year to elect a person to a three-year term. Park County's LAA's consist of Powell/Clarksfork, Cody/Heart Mountain and Meeteetse. The committee election this year will be held for Local Administrative Area 3, the Meeteetse LAA, which currently is represented by John Hogg. A list of persons who are eligible to run for the county committee is available from this office. If you wish to run or want to nominate a fellow producer for the county committee, please contact this office for a nominating petition. If no nominations are received, the Secretary of Agriculture will complete the slate of nominees.

RANGELAND MONITORING WORKSHOP

You have just been asked by a federal agency to describe the condition of your grazing allotment at the beginning and end of the grazing season. Your answer may determine whether or not your grazing permit is reauthorized. Maybe you will be filing a loss claim under the Non-insured Assistance Program. How can you quantitatively describe your rangeland condition? Barton Stam, University of Wyoming Extension Educator for Sustainable Management of Rangeland Resources, will be conducting a workshop, "Rangeland Monitoring Made Easy", on Tuesday, May 22 from 10 am to 2 pm at MC Land and Cattle north of Meeteetse at 318 Meeteetse Creek Road. The workshop will cover things you should know to collect and record data regarding range condition. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension Office at (307)754-8836.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Park County FSA Office will be closed May 28, 2007 for Memorial Day.

2007 DCP SIGN-UP

Sign-up for crop year 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006. Payments under DCP are based on the acreage base of the program crops on the farm and are paid whether or not you plant the respective crop. The 2007 DCP deadline has been extended to August 3, 2007.

WOOL AND MOHAIR LOANS AND LDP'S

Wool and Mohair producers are reminded that they must sign-up for their Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) prior to losing beneficial interest in the commodity, including unshorn lambs. If you sell your wool, mohair or unshorn lambs before signing the LDP application, you will be ineligible for the LDP.

BUYERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found, the buyer is required to place both the lien holder's and seller's names on the check. Ag products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc...), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at (307)777-7311.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 22 Range Monitoring Workshop, Meeteetse
May 28 Office closed, Memorial Day
July 2 2007 Crop reporting deadline
Aug 3 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program deadline
Prior to selling wool – Sign up for Wool LDP
Prior to selling unshorn lambs – Sign up for Lamb Pelt LDP
Anytime -Continuous Conservation Reserve Program sign-up

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