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DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Livestock producers can now apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses and LIP compensates producers for livestock deaths due to declared natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007. Sublette and Sweetwater Counties were declared disaster areas due to drought in 2006.

Producers who either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock on the beginning date of the applicable disaster event and who suffered an eligible feed or livestock loss are eligible to participate. Eligible livestock are dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that were physically located in the county and maintained for commercial use as part of a farming or ranching operation on the beginning date of the disaster period. Animals kept for non-commercial purposes, such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping, or for show are not eligible.

To apply for LCP producers must file a completed application as well as documentation of the feed loss, any supplemental feed purchased; and livestock numbers, ages, and sales. To apply for LIP producers must file a completed application as well as documentation showing evidence of loss, the location of the livestock at the time of death, and current physical location of the remaining livestock. The Payment Limitation is \$80,000 for each program. Additional information and payments rates can be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or by contacting this office.

We will be holding meetings with producers in Pinedale and Big Piney over the next several weeks to take applications. We are still waiting for final instructions on these programs so please; **call the office to set up an appointment.**

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP participants are reminded that a Notice of Loss must be filed within 15 days after a disaster occurrence or the damage to the crop is apparent. Please contact the FSA Office if you think you have suffered a loss event. Also, before grazing any acreage covered by NAP that is intended for hay you must request an appraisal of the production. Contact the office to schedule an appraisal.

NAP participants must report their 2007 crop production by July 2, 2008. Failure to submit production information will decrease your yield history which will cost you program benefits.

Applications for Coverage for 2008 NAP may be filed beginning October 1.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

The 2007 COC Election will be held in Local Administrative Area 2, that portion of Sweetwater County north of I-80. A list of eligible voters is available in the FSA office. Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm can also vote. Producers may contact this office for more information on voter eligibility. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 2. If you do not receive a ballot and feel you should, please contact the office. December 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office

2007 WOOL AND MOHAIR LOANS AND LDPs

Requests for Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments for Wool, Mohair, and Unshorn pelts for 2007 need to be filed before you lose beneficial interest (lose control / ownership). Producers must sign a CCC-633EZ, Page 1 before selling wool, mohair, or unshorn lambs. Please contact the County Office prior to shearing or selling unshorn slaughter lambs to file the correct forms. The deadline to file for 2007 wool LDP is January 31, 2008.

DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP

Signup for the **2007** DCP program ended August 3, 2007. Late filled applications will be accepted until September 28, 2007 with a \$100 fee per farm. If you have not signed your **2007** DCP contract please call the office and make an appointment to signup, no extensions can be granted past September 28th. **2008** DCP signup begins October 1, 2007.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

Agricultural producers may submit applications for fiscal year 2008 conservation program funds to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices through October 1, 2007. Private landowners may sign-up for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), and the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). The programs are available on a continuous sign-up basis, and applications received after Oct. 1, will be deferred and held for consideration at a future date as funding becomes available. These conservation programs offer financial and technical assistance for a variety of conservation practices available to private land managers who wish to voluntarily participate.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 28 ----- Final day to apply for 2007 DCP
October 1-----Final day to apply for 2008 EQIP, WRP, WHIP
October 1-----Begin Signup for 2008 NAP
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October 8-----Columbus Day Holiday-Office Closed
December 3-----Last day to return COC Election Ballot

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