



# NEWSLETTER



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## Big Horn County Farm Service Agency

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## NAP Coverage – New Purchase Deadline for 2011 Perennial/Biennial Forage Crops

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance (from a crop insurance agent).

**The application deadline for 2011 NAP coverage for biennial and perennial forage crops, regardless of intended use is December 1, 2010. NOTE: This is a date change from April 1.** Crops included in this date change are biennial forage (hay) crops such as sweet clover; perennial forage crops such as grass varieties, grass/alfalfa mix that are not insurable by crop insurance; and pasture grass for grazing. For all other crops (those not perennial or biennial) the application closing date remains the same – April 1, 2011 with the following exceptions: Producers who want “winterkill” coverage on HRW Wheat forage must purchase NAP by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a “Notice of Loss” within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

## FSA Conservation Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees conservation loans on farms and ranches to help conserve our natural resources. The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the credit necessary to implement conservation measures on their land.

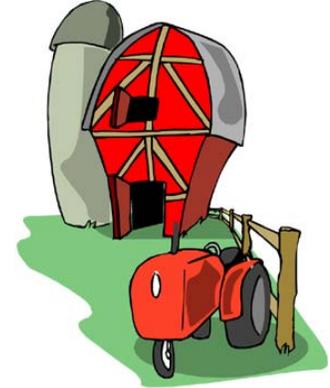
The direct CL limit is \$300,000 and the guaranteed CL limit is \$1,119,000. Guaranteed loans are available through lenders working with FSA.

Applicants will work with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to develop a conservation plan. Conservation practices must be approved by NRCS before FSA can provide financing. Examples of conservation practices include installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; transitioning to organic production; manure management, including manure digestion systems; and more.

## County Committee Elections

Starting early November, watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot. Mailing of ballots to all eligible voters starts on November 5, 2010. Shawn Bullinger is running unopposed for reelection representing LAA 2 which includes land in the south half of the county west of the Big Horn River.

Completed and signed ballots will be due back in the county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010. Ballots will be counted at 1:30 PM at the December 8<sup>th</sup> County Committee meeting.



## 2010 DCP/ACRE & CRP Payments

Annual direct payments for the Direct/Counter Cyclical Program (DCP/ACRE) and annual rental payments for CRP, the Conservation Reserve Program were paid in October to producers who participate in these programs and have met all program requirements. Please watch your account for these payments and contact our office if you have not received your payment or have any questions.

## 2011 DCP/ACRE Signup

Signup for the 2011 DCP and ACRE has started. Signup will run from October 1, 2010-June 1, 2011. Advance payment of 22 percent will be available upon completion of all signup paperwork. Stop by this office and complete your signups as soon as you are sure of your 2011 farming intentions.

## All Producers Receiving 2009 - 2011 Payments from FSA or NRCS

Many of you recently received a letter regarding the forms CCC-927 and CCC-928, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information. FSA and IRS have finalized a data-sharing process for average AGI compliance and verification. Every individual, legal entity and member of a legal entity receiving payments from FSA or NRCS in 2009 to 2011 is required to complete a CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for legal entities and submit it to the IRS. The IRS will compare actual tax data on record to the average AGI limitation amounts for the applicable 3 year period and return the results to the FSA in reports showing the participant either appears to meet or not meet the AGI criteria. You may pick up copies of these forms at the FSA office or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/cc927](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/cc927) for individual or [www.fsa.usda.gov/cc928](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/cc928) for the legal entity forms. It is up to each producer to complete the form and mail it to the IRS.

Participants who choose **not** to submit a completed CCC-927 or 928 as applicable, will be determined noncompliant.

## Reasonable Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call Bryan Schoenfelder, CED at (307)765-2689 Ext. 2.

## **Livestock Indemnity Program-LIP**

Losses of livestock due to adverse weather must be reported to the FSA Office within 30 days of when the loss is apparent by filing a Notice of Loss application. A filed Notice of Loss must be finalized by completing an Application for Payment by **January 30, 2011** for 2010 losses.

Applications for livestock losses require documentation of beginning and ending inventory, records showing the date of each death for normal death loss and show death losses due to the weather event, along with records showing the number of livestock in inventory on the date of the weather event.

## **Paper Check Conversion (PCC)**

Over the next year, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster.

When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt.

Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information:

<https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

## **FSA Financial Inquiries Web Site**

The USDA Farm Service Agency's Financial Inquiries Web Site is an Internet-based service that allows agricultural producers and other customers to generate reports showing their current and historical financial information related to FSA programs.

Authorized customers may view summary and detailed information about specific payments received, collections paid, outstanding debt (excluding loans) and information reported on the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Form 1099. The Web site is only available to registered e-Authentication users.

### **Using the Web site:**

Customers can access information on the FSA Financial Inquiries Web Site only after being signed up for a USDA e-Authentication Level 2 account. To obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication account, go to Internet site: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.

- Click on "Create an Account" and choose Level 2 Access
- Complete the customer profile and submit it online.
- After submitting the customer profile, a customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. The customer must respond to the e-mail within seven days to activate his or her account.
- A customer must complete the "Identity Proofing" process at a local USDA Service Center.

### **Accessing the Web Site**

Links to FSA Financial Inquiries are provided on the following Web sites:

- FSA Online: Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. From the top menu bar, click on "Online Services." Under "Related Topics," click on "Financial Inquiries for FSA Producers."

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### Important Dates to Remember

November 6	COC Election Ballots Mailed
November 11	Veteran's Day, Office Closed
November 25	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
December 1	NAP Application Deadline
December 6	Deadline to Return COC Election Ballots

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