

SERVICE CENTER NEWS

Campbell County Wyoming

September 2010

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Timely filing of Losses of NAP Crops

Producers are reminded that crop losses, suffering at least a 50% loss on your unit, must be reported as follows: 1) **Within 15 days of the disaster occurrence** or 2) When it is apparent that a loss has occurred. This applies to all crops covered by NAP: grain (not covered by RMA), grain hay and grass hay. Losses filed after the requirements of number 1 & 2 above will be late-filed and may be ineligible for crop loss benefits.

NAP Production Reporting

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. It is recommended producers submit production records as soon as possible after harvest. **All production records must be signed, dated and submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date of July 1st.**

2011 Sales Deadlines

The NAP sales deadline for biennial and perennial forage crops such as grasses, legumes, and forbs for grazing, forage, seed or any other use is **December 1, 2010**.

*For biennial and perennial forage crops, the coverage period begins the later of either of the following:
30 days after the application closing date or
the date following the normal harvest date of the previous crop year.*

Coverage for fall seeded annual crops intended for hay, may be purchased by the December 1st date.

*For annual crops, the coverage period begins the later of either of the following:
30 days after the purchase of the policy or
the date the crop is planted, not to exceed the final planting date.*

Producers are urged to purchase your NAP policies as soon as possible for the above listed crops.

For all other spring seeded crops, ie: millet, small grains intended for hay, the sales closing date is **April 1, 2011** for the 2011 crop year.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE DISASTER PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE FSA OFFICE, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ALL ACRES COVERED BY FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE OR BY THE NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP), ON ALL CROPS FOR ALL FARMS, IN ALL COUNTIES AND ALL STATES TO MEET LINKAGE REQUIREMENTS.

Federal Crop Insurance Deadlines

Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) sells catastrophic level and buy-up insurance coverage for fall seeded grains and ALF, AGM, and GMA hay with a **September 30, 2010** deadline. They also have a pilot policy called Vegetative Index-Pasture, Rangeland and Forage. VI-PRF losses are a measure of vegetation greenness against the norm used to estimate plant conditions and not a direct measure of production. The VI-PRF deadline is **November 30, 2010**. The spring seeded grain deadline is **March 15, 2011** for FCIC coverage.

It was determined that VI-PRF pilot policies and NAP do not cover the same crop losses on the same intended use. Therefore, for 2011 and subsequent years, a producer can obtain a VI-PRF policy and NAP coverage on the same acres for the same intended use, and still remain eligible to earn a PRF indemnity payment and NAP payment on the same acres for the same intended use.

Producers are reminded of the following deadlines regarding Federal Crop Insurance:

Final Cancellation Date – September 30

Sales Closing Dates: Forage Crops – September 30
 Fall seeded grains – September 30
 VI-PRF – November 30
 Spring seeded grains – March 15

Please contact your FCIC agent to ensure that you have completed all necessary paperwork for either purchase or cancellation of your policies prior to the appropriate deadlines.

2010 Loan Deficiency Payments

Producers wanting to file applications for LDP payment on wool, mohair, unshorn pelts or small grain harvested as grain or hay for 2010, need to complete and submit CCC-633EZ, page 1, ***PRIOR*** to losing “***beneficial interest***” (control) of the commodity. Contact the County office if you have any questions.

Deadline for 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)

The **deadline** for 2008 SURE program payment applications is **Close of Business September 30, 2010**. **There are no provisions for late-filed applications**. Applications **not** filed by **September 30, 2010**, regardless of the reasons why, will not receive a payment because of lack of funding.

2010 COUNTY OFFICE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Producers in Local Administrative Area 1 will be receiving ballots to elect their COC representative for the next 3 years. This is the LAA currently represented by Amanda Sorenson.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed November 5, 2010.

Completed and SIGNED ballots must be received in the county office or postmarked no later than December 6, 2010.



Farm Service Agency Loan Program for Natural Resource Conservation

On September 2nd, Farm Service Agency implemented the Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

The CL program will give farmers who want to implement conservation measures on their lands a chance to do so by providing assistance with their up-front costs. In return, producers will help to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable and organic agricultural practices.

CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA.

For more information on the Conservation Loan program, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov. For more information about this announcement please read the notice which will appear in the September 3 edition of the Federal Register:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?area=home&subject=lare&topic=frd-ii>

County Office Closed – September 24, 2010

The Campbell County FSA Office will be closed on September 24, 2010. All employees will be attending a training in Casper, Wyoming on that date.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 24, 2010 – County Office Closed – All employees attending training in Casper
- Sept. 30, 2010 – Application period ends for 2008 SURE program payments
- Oct. 6, 2010 – County Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 11, 2010 – Columbus Day Holiday – County Office Closed
- Nov. 11, 2010 – Veteran’s Day Holiday – County Office Closed
- Nov. 25, 2010 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday – County Office Closed
- Dec. 1, 2010 – Final sales date for 2011 NAP policy on perennial & biennial forage crops

- IMMEDIATELY** --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops
--File Notification of Loss Forms within 30 days of livestock losses due to a weather event
--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,
--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, etc.
- Any time** --CRP Continuous Signup
--Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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