



NEWSLETTER



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Campbell County Wyoming

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Campbell County has been approved for the USDA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for producers who suffered damage to fences due to fire. Producers may be eligible for assistance if the damage:

- will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use.
- is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affects the productive capacity of the farmland
- will impair or endanger the land

Application signup for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) will be Monday, September 10th, 2012 through Wednesday, October 10th 2012. No funds are currently available for Campbell County. If funds become available, applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the FSA County Committee.

Report 2012 Losses on Native Grazing and NAP Crops

If you have NAP coverage on your crops and have suffered a loss due to natural disaster you must file a notice of loss as soon as losses become apparent

- Prevented planting claims, within 15 calendar days after the final planting date
- Low yield claims and allowable value loss, the earlier of the following:
 - 15 calendar days after the damaging weather or disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer for low yield claims
 - 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.

Losses must be filed prior to tilling or grazing the damaged acres, as an appraisal must be completed to determine your loss and to protect your yield.

Changes to IRS Forms 1099-G and 1099-MISC for Calendar Year 2012

In past years, IRS Forms 1099-G were issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount. For calendar year 2012, the 1099-G reporting will change.

IRS Form 1099-G (Report of Payments to Producers) will only be issued to producers whose reportable payments total \$600 or more for the calendar year. Additionally, if the producer has at least \$600 in reportable payments received from multiple FSA offices, only one Form 1099-G will be issued. Producers subject to voluntary withholding or backup (involuntary) withholding will receive the appropriate IRS form, even if combined payments are less than \$600.

The same changes will apply to producers and vendors who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

Any producer who receives less than \$600 in combined payments should consult a tax advisor to determine if these payments must be reported on their tax return.

For more information regarding IRS reporting changes, please contact the Campbell County FSA office at 307-682-8843, ext. 2.

Livestock Producers Affected by Disasters Urged to Keep Good Records

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Potential Assistance Depending on Accurate, Timely Data for Expedited Help

WASHINGTON, August 29, 2012 — USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today urged livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as Hurricane Isaac to keep thorough records of their livestock and feed losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchases because of lost supplies.

"There are extraordinary circumstances caused by a variety of disasters from fires in the west, floods in Florida, Hurricane Isaac in the Gulf region, storms in the Mid-Atlantic and drought and heat affecting the heartland," Garcia said. "Each of these events is causing economic consequences for ranchers and producers including cattle, sheep and dairy operations, bee keepers and farm-raised fish, and poultry producers."

FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses; Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts; Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures; and Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

Secretary Vilsack also reminds producers that the department's authority to operate the five disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill expired on Sept. 30, 2011. This includes SURE; the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). Production losses due to disasters occurring after Sept. 30, 2011, are not eligible for disaster program coverage.

NEW Production Reporting Deadline for 2012 Production

The deadline for 2012 production and subsequent years is Nov. 15th for perennial and fall seeded crops including forage crops. *This only summarizes most crops common to Campbell County. If you don't see your crop here or have questions please call the office.*

NEW 2013 Acreage Reporting Dates

Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of many FSA program benefits and is a requirement of many of FSA programs. **Please note the following acreage reporting deadlines:**

Perennial Forage, Perennial Rangeland Forage (PRF), Native Range, Fall Wheat and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains	November 15, 2012
Honey	January 2, 2013
Established Stand Alfalfa Seed, Fall Alfalfa Seed	January 15, 2013
Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Barley, Corn, Forage Seeding, Millet, Spring Oats, Spring Wheat, Sunflowers, and all other crops not listed	July 15, 2013

2012 County Office Committee (COC) Election

Local Administrative Area #2 (LAA#2) is holding its election for a committee representative this year. LAA#2 includes the area of Campbell County north of Interstate 90 and east of Highway 14-16 North, east of Collins Road, Hart Road and Bowers-Ute Road north to the Montana state line.

The nominees for the 2012 election are Wendy Bethea of the Heald road area and David Reed of the Parks road area.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed, November 5, 2012, to voters in LAA#2 only.

To be counted, voted ballots must be completed, returned to the county office, and/or postmarked by December 3, 2012.

The ballots are scheduled to be counted at the December 10, 2012 COC meeting at 2:00pm as noted on the ballot.

If you do not receive a ballot and believe you should have, notify the Campbell County FSA Office.

Emergency Loans Available

Farmers and ranchers who suffered significant damage due to drought that occurred during 2012 may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency if they are unable to get financing from other sources. These loans carry a current interest rate of 2.125 percent. Emergency loans may be made for both production losses and physical losses.

Production Losses - Eligible farmers may use emergency loan funds to recover a portion of losses on growing crops that were destroyed.

Physical Losses - Eligible farmers can use emergency loan funds to repair or rebuild essential farm buildings, clean debris or prepare land for replanting, and to replace livestock, supplies and harvested crops on hand or in storage that were lost.

For more information, please contact: Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager, 601 4-J Court, Suite B, Gillette, WY 82716, (307)682-8843, or by email at rob.weppner@wy.usda.gov.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 8, 2012 – County Office closed – Columbus Day Holiday

November 11, 2012 – County Office closed – Veteran’s Day Holiday

November 15, 2012 – Reporting date for 2013 Perennial Forage crops, Native Range, Fall Wheat

November 15, 2012 – Deadline to report 2012 production on perennial and fall seeded crops

November 22, 2012 – County Office closed – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

December 3, 2012 – Deadline for voted ballots to be returned or postmarked

December 10, 2012 – County Committee Meeting, ballots counted at 2:00pm

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, Banking info 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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