



NEWSLETTER



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2012 County Committee Election

This year's election in Goshen County covers LAA 3, which covers all of Townships 19-23. Candidates for this year's election are:

- Larry Mullock
- Debra Yeik

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 5. Instructions for voting will be included. December 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Please take some time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2013.

Important-Crop Report Deadlines

2013 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines are:

- Spring seeded crops and CRP-July 15
- Perennial Forage, PRF, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains- November 15

This means your 2013 perennial hay crops, winter wheat, and pasture reporting deadline is November 15, 2012.

Commodity Loans Available

We remind you of the availability of the commodity loan program. 2012 loan rates for applicable crops in Goshen County are:

Wheat HRW \$2.88/bu.	Wheat HRS \$2.62/bu.	Corn \$2.05/bu.
Barley \$1.88/bu.	Oats \$1.37/bu.	Sunflowers \$10.60/cwt.

Interest rates are minimal (example: the November 2012 rate is 1.125%) and the term of the loan will be end of the 9th month following disbursement.

2012 loans on small grains can be requested through March 31, 2013. 2012 corn/sunflower loans can be requested through May 31, 2013. The grower must maintain title and control of the commodity (beneficial interest) while the grain is under loan.

For more information, contact this office.

CRP Grazing Reminder

Those Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants that are approved to graze their CRP in 2012 are reminded that November 30, 2012, is the final date to have livestock out on the CRP.

USDA Reminds Producers of December 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

Wyoming USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Gregor Goertz reminds producers that they have until Monday, December 3, 2012, to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The sales closing date is actually December 1, 2012, but producers have until Monday, December 3, 2012, to purchase coverage this year because December 1 falls on a weekend.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Goertz. "The past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of December 1, 2012:

- All Fall seeded crops such as Winter Wheat
- Perennial Forage (hay) and Grazing crops including Alfalfa and alfalfa mixes, Grass Crops and native range.
- Honey

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the December 1st deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact your local County FSA office.

Receive News Electronically via GovDelivery

Many producers have already enrolled in the new GovDelivery system that provides notices, newsletters and reminders via email. It's free and it's instant and can be sent to your home or office.

FSA, like many other organizations, is working smarter and more efficiently. Conversion to electronic notifications via email helps conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

If you haven't signed up yet, do so now. And encourage your neighbors to subscribe to receive free e-mail updates instantly: www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe

FSA Signature Policy

Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office.
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities.

For additional clarification on proper signatures, contact your local FSA office.

Drought-Stricken Farmers and Ranchers Have More Time to Replace Livestock, 43 States Affected

IR-2012-72, Sept. 25, 2012

WASHINGTON — Farmers and ranchers who previously were forced to sell livestock due to drought, like the drought currently affecting much of the nation, have an extended period of time in which to replace the livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

Farmers and ranchers who, due to drought, sell more livestock than they normally would may defer tax on the extra gains from those sales. To qualify, the livestock generally must be replaced within a four-year period. The IRS is authorized to extend this period if the drought continues.

The one-year extension of the replacement period announced today generally applies to capital gains realized by eligible farmers and ranchers on sales of livestock held for draft, dairy or breeding purposes due to drought. Sales of other livestock, such as those raised for slaughter or held for sporting purposes, and poultry are not eligible.

The IRS is providing this relief to any farm located in a county, parish, city or district, listed as suffering exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), during any weekly period between Sept. 1, 2011, and Aug. 31, 2012. All or part of 43 states are listed. Any county contiguous to a county listed by the NDMC also qualifies for this relief.

As a result, farmers and ranchers in these areas whose drought sale replacement period was scheduled to expire at the end of this tax year, Dec. 31, 2012, in most cases, will now have until the end of their next tax year. Because the normal drought sale replacement period is four years, this extension immediately impacts drought sales that occurred during 2008. But because of previous drought-related extensions affecting some of these localities, the replacement periods for some drought sales before 2008 are also affected. Additional extensions will be granted if severe drought conditions persist.

Details on this relief, including a list of NDMC-designated counties, are available in Notice 2012-62, posted today on IRS.gov. Details on reporting drought sales and other farm-related tax issues can be found in [Publication 225](#), Farmer's Tax Guide, also available on the IRS web site.

Please do not contact FSA concerning this matter. It is being forwarded for your information.

2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program Applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will continue to accept SURE applications for 2011 crop losses through June 7, 2013. The SURE Program provides payments to producers when crop revenues are less than the crop guarantee. The SURE Program payment is equal to 60 percent of the difference between the crop guarantee and revenue.

To determine the guarantee and revenue for the SURE Program, all crops on all farms for a producer are included in the calculation. Payments under the SURE Program are limited to \$100,000.

There are two basic qualification methods for a SURE payment. In the first method, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a 2011 disaster county by the USDA Secretary, or in a contiguous county, and the natural disaster must have caused at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance in the operation. In the second method, all producers in all counties are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss equal to or greater than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to any qualifying natural disaster.

For more information concerning the 2011 SURE program or other Farm Service Agency programs, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov

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Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continuous	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Nov. 5, 2012	Voting begins for 2012 County Committee Election
Nov. 15, 2012	Deadline to report acreage for Perennial Forage, PRF, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains
Nov. 12, 2012	Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 22, 2012	Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 30, 2012	Deadline to graze CRP
Dec. 3, 2012	Deadline to return County Committee Election ballots
Dec. 25, 2012	Holiday, Office closed

/s/ Darrell L. Jones

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