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Laramie County FSA Newsletter

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Committee Election

Committee Election for LAA #2

Laramie County FSA will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 2. That position is currently held by Dale Martin. LAA 2 includes southeast corner of Laramie County east of County Road 136 and south of County Road 221.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 4 and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 2, 2013.

Conservation Reserve Program

Emergency Haying / Grazing CRP

Producers who signed to hay CRP should have had the bales removed by August 31. Producers who are grazing must have cattle removed by September 30. Violations will cause contracts to be out of compliance with possible contract terminations. Please provide the FSA Office with the CRP-118 form when completed or payments will be delayed.

Farm Program Information

2013 Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Agriculture Conservation Revenue Enhancement (ACRE) Signup

Signup for the 2013 DCP was held through August 2, 2013. ACRE signup ended June 3. Late filed applications filed after September 15 may still be approved by the Wyoming State Office. Late filed application period ends September 30th.

Acreage Reports

Crop acreage reports for 2013 will not be considered late filed if filed by September 15, due to the acreage reporting deadline change for this year. Late filed acreage reports (after September 15) will cost a minimum of \$46 per farm.

Final Crop Reporting Date Changes for 2014 Crops

2014 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines are:

- Perennial Forage, PRF, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall Seeded Small Grains - November 15
- Spring seeded crops & CRP - July 15, 2014

This means your 2014 perennial hay crops, winter wheat, and range reporting deadline is November

DCP Cover Requirements

Fallow acreage on cropland that supports DCP base acres must be protected from wind and water erosion and have the weeds controlled. Violations for not controlling weeds and wind or water erosion will lead to penalties.

Control of Weeds

Your Conservation Plan has a section for Pest Management. This section includes weed control. Weeds on your land need to be controlled by shredding, disking, etc. This year's drought has led to many Russian thistle which blow into fences. Lack of weed control could become a violation. Please be kind to your neighbor and control your weeds.

Changes on Your Farm

Please let us know of changes on your farm, such as, land sales, address changes, phone numbers, land rent, etc. We need this information to make payment correctly and there are times when we need to contact you to meet program deadlines. We can also use your email address to send you forms electronically.

Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Information

Production Deadline for 2012 NAP Crops

The deadline for 2012 NAP production was August 2, 2013.

NAP Production Deadline Change – 2013 Crops

Recently Congress directed FSA and RMA to coordinated acreage reporting deadlines as a convenience to producers. The result is the new acreage reporting deadline of Nov. 15, 2013 for 2014 fall crops, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture). This change impacts the NAP program because the deadline for reporting production and application for payment of crop losses on 2013 hay will now be Nov. 15, 2013.

THERE ARE NO LATE FILED PROVISIONS. We need a signed and dated production report on form FSA-452 by the deadline. The County Committee will have to assign a yield for any NAP crop for which production was NOT reported timely. A reduced proven yield results in reduced payment on any future losses.

Application Deadline

The Wyoming State FSA Committee has established December 1, 2013 as the application deadline for 2014 perennial (grass for grazing or hay) and biennial forage

crops. The deadline for all other crops will remain April 1, 2014.

Dates to Remember

October 14 Columbus Day Holiday – Office Closed November

 11 Veterans Day Holiday – Office Closed November

 15 Crop Reporting Deadline for 2014 Winter Wheat and Perennial
Forage NAP production reporting deadline for 2013 crops

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