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REPORTING CROP LOSSES

Producers are reminded that they must report losses on Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) crops within 15 days of the date of a disaster occurrence or date that damage to the crop(s) is apparent. Notices of loss that are filed after 15 days (late-filed) may be approved by the county committee if verification of the crop and acreage can be made and if it can be determined that the cause of loss is due to an eligible disaster condition. If a positive verification of the above requirements cannot be made, the late filed Notice of Loss will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for payment.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE

Nominations for the 2010 Park County FSA committee election will be accepted through August 2. FSA county committees are elected by local agriculture producers to administer USDA farm programs at the county level. There are three Local Administrative Areas (LAA) in Park County with one LAA holding an election each year to elect a person to a three-year term. Park County's LAA's consist of Powell/Clarksfork, Cody/Heart Mountain and Meeteetse. The committee election this year will be held for LAA 3, the Meeteetse LAA, which currently is represented by John Hogg. A list of persons who are eligible to run for the county committee is available from this office. If you wish to run or want to nominate a fellow producer for the county committee, please contact this office for a nominating petition. If no nominations are received, the Secretary of Agriculture will complete the slate of nominees.



CROP REPORTING DEADLINE

The deadline to file your FSA acreage reports is July 1. If you are a sugar beet grower, participate in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program, Conservation Reserve Program, purchase multi-peril or catastrophic crop insurance or participate in other USDA farm programs, you must file an acreage report to remain eligible for benefits. Crop reports are also used in calculating benefits if you suffer a crop loss on a noninsurable crop and apply for benefits under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). You must also file an acreage report of fruits and vegetables for farms that are enrolled in DCP and ACRE. Dry beans are considered a vegetable under the DCP/ACRE rules. Appointment reminders are being mailed. However, you may begin filing your acreage reports as soon as you have completed planting, even if you have not yet received an appointment. If you believe you need to file an acreage report and have not received an appointment reminder, please feel free to call for an appointment or come in to the FSA office at any time and file your acreage report. Late fees will apply to acreage reports that are filed after the July 1 deadline. **FAILURE TO FILE AN ACREAGE REPORT WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF USDA BENEFITS!!**

REPORTING PRODUCTION FOR NAP

July 1, 2010 is the deadline for turning in crop production history and signing the production worksheet for the Non-insured Assistance Program. Failure to turn in your production evidence will result in a decreased yield guarantee and will decrease program benefits in the event of a crop loss.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLE PLANTING

For farms that are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), don't forget the regulations concerning the acres of Fruits and Vegetables (FAV's), which includes dry beans grown for commercial or seed purposes. To avoid a payment reduction, liquidated damages penalty or contract termination, FAV acres may not exceed the non-contract acres for the farm. Depending on the farm or producer's FAV history, the penalty that is assessed can range from an acre for acre DCP payment reduction to severe cash penalties and possible termination of the DCP contract. A farm or producer will have a dry bean FAV history if dry beans were grown on the farm or were grown by the producer on any farm, at least once during the years of 1991 through 1995 or 1998 through 2001. An acreage report showing the dry bean acres grown must be on file in this office for the respective year(s).



OFFICE CLOSED

The Park County FSA Office will be closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Loan deficiency payments (LDP) are available for crops of barley, corn, oats, wheat or grain sorghum harvested for grain, hay, silage, haylage or grazing. The payment rate is determined as the difference between the daily market price of the commodity and the USDA county loan rate for the crop on the date of the LDP payment request or on the date you lose beneficial interest in the commodity. **For crops that will be sold directly from the field, you must sign the LDP agreement prior to harvest of the crop.** The LDP rate is then determined based on the date you lose beneficial interest in the crop. For farm stored crops, you must sign the LDP agreement prior to losing beneficial interest in the commodity either through feeding or selling and for farm stored commodities you may “lock in” an LDP rate by signing the payment request prior to losing beneficial interest or, you may take the payment rate that is in effect on the date beneficial interest is lost by feeding or selling the commodity. The payment rate must be “locked in” prior to March 31 of the year following the crop year. For grain crops that are grazed, you must sign the LDP agreement prior to grazing the crop and sign the payment request prior to March 31 of the year following the crop year. If you are growing an eligible commodity, please contact us and sign an LDP agreement prior to harvest or grazing of the crop. Any commodity that is delivered to the buyer or grazed before you sign an LDP agreement will be ineligible for an LDP.



LOW INTEREST GRAIN BIN LOAN PROGRAM

Commodity Credit Corporation, acting through Farm Service Agency, has reauthorized the farm storage facility loan program. Basic provisions of the program are:

- o Loans may be made for grain storage structures, grain handling equipment and drying equipment
- o Loans will be for new storage or expansion or upgrades of existing storage
- o The term of approved loans is 7 or 10 years.
- o The interest rate is equivalent to the rate of interest charged on Treasury Securities of comparable maturity.
- o Participants are required to carry Multi-peril crop insurance on crops of economic significance.

DON'T MISS OUT

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1** Crop reporting deadline
- July 1** NAP production evidence deadline for proven yields
- July 4** Office closed, Independence Day
- Aug 2** County Committee nominations due
- Anytime** Report crop losses within 15 days of loss
- Prior to selling wool** – Sign-up for Wool LDP
- Prior to selling unshorn lambs** – Sign-up for Lamb Pelt LDP
- Prior to selling or feeding crop**-Sign-up for farm stored LDP
- Anytime** Continuous CRP sign-up



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