

JUNE 2011

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Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

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Mike Hoffland, DD



MOLES:

**Machinery, Operating,
Livestock, Expansion and
Starting Out Loans**

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM

307.856.7524

2011 Crop Reporting

REMINDER: If you missed your appointment or have not filed your 2011 crop reports, you only have until **July 1, 2011** to file without penalty. Acreage reports are required for participation in most FSA programs.

Late filed crop reports will be assessed a fee.



File for 2011 Wool LDPs



LDPs, or Loan Deficiency Payments, are available for those producers who filed a 2011 "Page 1" for wool, mohair and/or unshorn pelts. 2011 LDPs on wool, mohair and unshorn pelts are available through January 31, 2012. Contact the office for more information and current LDP rates. Wool LDP rates have gone down significantly this year with the rise in wool prices, please contact the office to determine if you are eligible for an LDP payment.



IMPORTANT!

Due to the budget crisis that FSA and the federal government are facing, the Sweetwater/Sublette County office will no longer be mailing monthly newsletters to producers. Mailed newsletters will be quarterly.

To better serve you, the customer, the County Office staff will continue monthly newsletters by email. Monthly e-newsletters and quarterly print newsletters can also be accessed online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=wy&area=home&subject=nele&topic=landing>. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we will continue to strive to provide you with the best possible service under continuing budgetary cutbacks.

**COC NOMINATIONS DUE
AUGUST 1, 2011**

See next page for
nomination form



FSA-669A
(03-31-11)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)

2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION:

I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.

- I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.
- I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

3B. DATE

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE

4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED

5. COUNTY

6. LAA

7. STATE

8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION:

If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.

8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

8B. DATE

Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.

(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- White
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

GENDER

- Male
- Female

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

ITEM 1 Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:

- A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
- B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
- C. Willing to serve if elected.

ITEM 2 Enter the nominee's current address.

ITEM 3 The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.

ITEMS 3A & 3B The nominee must sign and date.

ITEMS 8A & 8B The nominator must sign and date. *(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)*

ITEM 9 Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

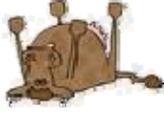
NOTE:

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Eligible adverse weather events include blizzards, disease, extreme heat or cold, floods and wildfires. Eligible livestock include cattle, sheep, swine, beefalo, buffalo, dairy cattle, elk, alpacas, deer, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry and reindeer. An eligible producer is an individual or entity that is a US citizen or resident alien who had legal ownership (brand) of the eligible livestock on the day that it died. The owner is one who assumes the production and market risks associated with the production of livestock. No person may receive more than \$100,000 in assistance from disaster programs (LIP, ELAP, LFP and SURE). If you believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office.



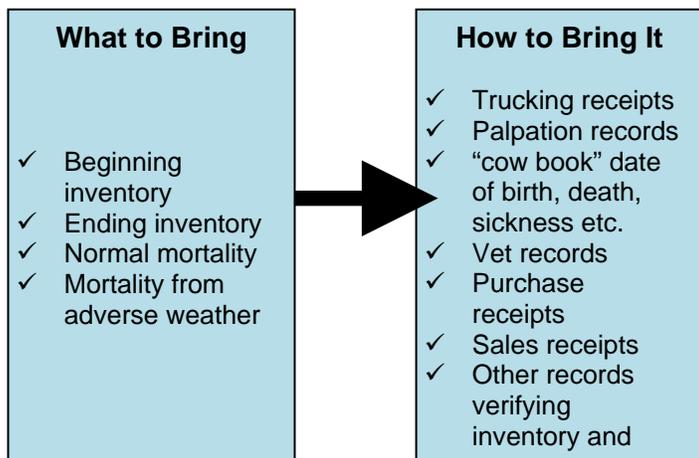
Notice of Loss

Notice of loss must be filed with the county office no later than 30 days after the loss is apparent. Notice of loss may be filed in person, by phone, fax or email.

Application for Payment

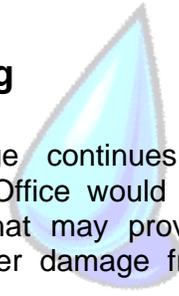
Application for payment must be filed with the county office no later than January 30 of the calendar year following the year that losses were suffered.

What do I need to apply?



Remember that if you are using producer generated records for death, you must have verifiable records showing beginning and/or ending inventory. Verifiable means that they are not producer made records.

Spring Flooding



As the threat of flood damage continues in southwest Wyoming, the County Office would like you to be aware of programs that may provide assistance to producers who suffer damage from flooding.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

ECP is administered by local FSA committees and is subject to funding availability. The program provides cost-share assistance to producers to rehabilitate farmland that has been damaged by natural disasters.

Cost-share assistance can be up to 75% of the actual implementation costs. ECP assistance can be used for, but not limited to, debris removal, grading, shaping or leveling land to return to agricultural use, replacing fences, replacing headgates, flumes and repairing ditches.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)

EWP is administered by NRCS and assistance must be obtained through an eligible sponsor such as a legal subdivision of a State government or agency.

EWP helps landowners, operators and individuals implement emergency recover measures to relieve hazard to life or property due to natural disaster.

Actions that are eligible for EWP assistance include, but is not limited to:

- Reduce threats to life or property from watershed impairment, including debris and sediment removal
- Provide protection from additional flooding or soil erosion by slowing runoff
- Remove debris that would affect runoff or erosion



Please report flooding and damage to your local FSA office. Also try to get some pictures of high water and damage after water has receded. Before filing an application for assistance, have an idea of what is going

to be needed to correct the damage.



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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

• **June 7** – Crop reporting appointments – Big Piney Library

• **July 1** – Deadline to file 2011 crop reports

• **August 1** – Deadline to file election nomination forms

• **30 days after apparent** – Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP & ELAP)

• **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)



*"This nation will remain the land of the free,
only so long as it is the home of the brave." Elmer Davis*

*Happy 4th of July
office closed*

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