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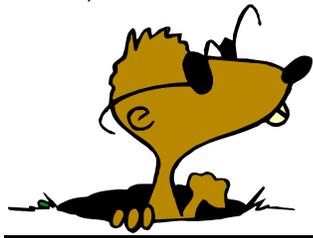
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Jim Hodder
Bob Anderson
Penny Chrisman
Vacant

Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED
Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT
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

--WOOL PRODUCERS--

File "Page 1" for 2012 LDPs

Wool, mohair and unshorn pelt producers are reminded that the 2012 crop year will begin on January 1, 2012. *Bonnie will mail producers who participated in 2011 LDPs a "Page 1", please sign and return to the office.* Producers who have not participated in the past and wish to participate in 2012 need to stop by the office to complete and submit "Page 1" to be eligible for wool LDPs. "Page 1" must be filed before beneficial interest of the commodity is lost (i.e. sold). Contact the office for more information or to fill out your "Page 1".

Price support options for wool producers

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 provides 2008-2012 crop year marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for wool and mohair to eligible producers who produce and shear wool and mohair from live sheep and goats. The LDP program is also available to eligible producers of non-graded wool in the form of unshorn pelts for the 2008-2012 crop years.



Marketing assistance loans are also available to wool and mohair producers for the 2008-2012 crop years. The wool and mohair nonrecourse marketing assistance loan and LDP program provides eligible producers with two forms of Federal assistance. Eligible producers can either:

- request a nine-month marketing assistance loan; or
- agree to forgo the loan and request an LDP.

The program's objective is to help stabilize America's wool and mohair industry and ensures the well-being of agriculture in the United States. Nonrecourse marketing assistance loans are administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).



!CHA-CHING!

Have you made changes to your bank account?

Almost all FSA payments are made using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move

funds. Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure uninterrupted service.



Look for Your 2010 IRS Form 1099-G



Each year producers receive 1099-G forms from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) detailing payments producers have received from

the CCC. CCC's annual report of program payments on the 1099-Gs helps our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producer's own responsibility to report income to the IRS.

FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.

Lender of First Opportunity



FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot

obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

Contact Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager for Sweetwater & Sublette Counties for more information about guaranteed and direct loans. He comes to our counties regularly, so we can set up a meeting for you. He can be contacted at 307.856.7524.



Bob Anderson and Pete Arambel are elected to 3-year terms, representing LAA #1 and #3 on the Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA Committee.

Thank you for making your voice heard in the 2011 election!



Notice to Hispanic and/or Women Farmers or Ranchers

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1.888.508.4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov.

The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

2010 SURE Sign-up

Signup for the 2010 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) will begin on November 14, 2011. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. There are no late file provisions. All applications must be filed by June 1, 2012. For SURE, all crops must be covered by crop insurance, NAP or eligible for waivers.

A farm enrolled in SURE is eligible when either:

- a portion of the farm is located in a county covered by a qualifying natural disaster declaration (USDA Secretarial Declarations only) or a contiguous county; or,
- actual production is less than 50% of the normal production.

Sweetwater and Sublette County are contiguous to a county that received a Secretarial Disaster Designation in 2010, making producers with all crops in all counties covered by crop insurance or NAP insurance eligible for SURE disaster assistance payments. Grazing lands are excluded from the insurance requirement.

Am I Eligible?????

To be eligible for 2010 SURE in Sweetwater and/or Sublette County you need to meet the following requirements:

- have NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops or crop insurance on all insurable crops (including alfalfa)
- meet general eligibility requirements (AGI, US citizenship, share of risk, timely filed crop report)

AND

- have a 10% loss on at least one crop of economic significance

Sign-up Days

Sign-up days will be held in Pinedale, Big Piney and McKinnon. **If** you meet the eligibility requirements please call and make an appointment or stop by the sign-up day! Keep an eye out for more information on sign-up dates.



2011 ELAP and LIP Sign-up

If you filed a 2011 Notice of Loss for additional feed or lost grazing days (ELAP) or death losses (LIP), you must finalize your application no later than **January 30, 2012.** All supporting documentation must be submitted to finalize the application.

In order to complete your application, you will need to submit all applicable documents, such as:

- Receipts from feed purchased during the disaster period in 2011 (for example: January 1 – March 31, 2011)
- Receipts from feed purchased during the same period for the previous year (for example: January 1 – March 31, 2010)
- Receipts for freight (for example: hauling hay to livestock on BLM permits or hauling livestock from BLM permits to deeded ground at the home place)
- Beginning/ending inventory and death records for livestock losses
- Sign “application for payment” (come by the office to review your application and sign for payment after submitting your documentation.)



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WHAT’S AROUND THE CORNER

January 30 – Deadline to file 2011 ELAP application for payment

January 30 – Deadline to file 2011 LIP application for payment

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

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

Anytime – abnormal weather conditions including drought, flood etc.

***You can now receive news, deadlines and bulletins electronically.
Sign up for GovDelivery at www.fsa.usda.gov ***

*The Sweetwater/Sublette FSA
Staff would like to wish you and your family
a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year. We look forward to serving
you in 2012.*

**office closed
December 26 &
January 2**

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