



WY/ Uinta County Farm Service Agency

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NAP Deadline December 1st

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee must be filed by the crop sales closing date.

CHANGE MADE: Perennial or fall-seeded and grazing crop NAP application date has been moved back to December 01, 2010. Note that for most disaster assistance programs, crop insurance or NAP coverage is required for all crops on the farm.

• *The application and service fee MUST be filed by the crop sales closing date of December 01, 2010 for fall-seeded or perennial and grazing crops.*

• *April 01, 2010 is the application and service fee deadline date for spring-seeded crops.*

Contact this office if you have questions about the program and requirements.

To be eligible for NAP producers must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

• Timely file 2011 acreage reports.
Keep track and submit harvested production for 2010 using acceptable methods.
Bale weight and count / Tons
Fields harvested from / By Farm

• File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when the loss is apparent. Ex: drought, Hail, Frost.

The DCP/ACRE Option

June 1, 2011, deadline is mandatory for all DCP/ACRE participants. FSA will not accept late-filed applications.

Contact the office for additional information concerning these options.

Disaster Assistance Programs / Risk Management

FSA disaster assistance programs include:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) (Dead animal program)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees (ELAP)

To be eligible for SURE, and ELAP, producers must purchase catastrophic risk protection insurance for all insurable crops, and NAP coverage for non-insurable crops.

In the case of honey, the term "farm" means all bees and beehives in all counties that are intended to be harvested for a honey crop by the eligible producer.

Producers, who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource Producer, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher, do not have to meet this risk management purchase requirement. Contact the County Office for more information about these programs.

Voting for County Committee Begins

Ballots for this year's county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2010.

Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 6, 2010.

This year the candidates are:

James Wesley "Wes" Lupher, Jr., is nominated in LAA #2, Mountain View, Ft. Bridger, Robertson, and Lonetree areas, to serve as a committee member.

Candidate Lupher resides near Mountain View and produces hay and raises beef cattle.

Candidate Lupher is currently an active member of the Uinta County FSA Committee and serves as Chairperson.

L'Nette Iorg was also nominated from LAA #2, Mountain View, Ft. Bridger, Robertson and Lonetree areas, to serve as a committee member.

Candidate Iorg resides near Mountain View and produces hay and raises beef cattle.

Candidate Iorg is a member of the Uinta County FSA Committee and currently serves as Advisor to the Committee.

Eligible voters in a local administrative area LAA#2 who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff.

Voter Requirements

Persons meeting requirements in **1 or 2, plus 3**, to the left, are eligible to vote:

1. Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as either a) or b):

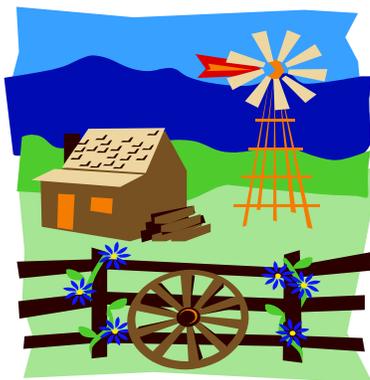
a) an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper, *or*

b) a partner in a general partnership or member of a joint venture that has an interest in a farm as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper;

2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm; *and*

3. Eligible to participate in any applicable FSA program that is provided by law, regardless of funding status.

Discrimination Prohibited No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.



CCC-927 or -928 Disclosure Form Needed by IRS

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2011 programs subject to adjusted gross income limitations (AGI) had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted either: CCC-927: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Individual Form", or CCC-928: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information-Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. *These forms must be submitted to IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.*

2011 program applicants will be required to submit the same information to the IRS.

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so that their files can be maintained.

Applications for FSA Farm Loan Assistance

Farmers and ranchers that intend to apply to the Farm Service Agency for loan assistance for the upcoming crop year are encouraged to file their applications as early as possible. Failure to apply early may result in a delay in processing loans due to the volume of applications. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager, Mr. Brian S. Harrell (307) 856-7524 for more details and assistance in applying.

Operating Loan Applications

Farmers that plan to apply for annual operating loan assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Farmers should contact their local FSA office for information.

***NEW Conservation Loan Program**

FSA makes direct and guarantee loans on farms and ranches to help conserve our natural resources. The Conservation Loan (CL) Program provides farmers with the credit necessary to implement conservation measures on their land. The direct CL limit is \$300,000 and the guaranteed CL limit is \$1,119,000. Guaranteed loans are available through lenders working with FSA. Applicants will work with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff to develop a conservation plan.

Conservation practices must be approved by NRCS before FSA can provide financing. Examples of conservation practices include installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover, installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; transitioning to organic production; manure management, including manure digestion systems and more. Contact the FSA Office for more information.

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 the county FSA office.



New Financial Management Web Page Available for Producers

Producers who have level 2 e-Authentication access can use the new Public Financial Management Information web page. The website

allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information. This resource will allow users to view details on payments, collections and outstanding debt. The website is a great tool for producers to conveniently access financial information at any time. To view the Financial Management Information web page, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi>. Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding the web page.

Note: Website use requires level 2 e-Authentication access. Follow the steps below to obtain level 2 access...

1. Go to www.eauth.egov.usda.gov, complete a customer profile and submit it online
2. After submitting your customer profile, you will receive a confirmation email, and you must respond to it within 7 days to activate your account
3. Then you must complete the “Identity Proofing” process by visiting a local USDA Service Center and presenting a photo ID, such as your driver’s license

Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit.

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 county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

Selling Land

If you’re planning to sell land, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you’re planning to sell land that’s enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn’t want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you’ve received to date.

Reviewing program implications with Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of land is always a prudent precaution.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. Methods used for farm reconstitution are:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

We are blessed to live in America and celebrate by “giving thanks” for this great country, our families, friends and loved ones. A special salute to the men and women serving our country! God bless everyone!

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Paper Check Conversion

Within the next year, Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will begin electronically depositing checks *that are written to FSA or CCC*. When producers present a check for payment, it will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer’s account within 24 hours of receipt. For additional information, please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit:

<https://www.pccptc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

Continuous CRP Signup – Anytime

Contact the County Office for more Info.

Dates to Remember	
Nov. 5	County Committee ballots mailed to voters
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Dec. 1,	Closing date for 2011 NAP Applications and Service Fee payment for Coverage. Non-insured fall-seeded or perennial and grass crops.
Dec. 6,	County Committee ballots due back to County Office
Dec. 13,	COC Election Ballot Count as the USDA Service Center / 1:00 P.M.
Dec. 24,	Christmas Holiday
Dec. 31,	New Years Day Holiday
Jan 29, 2011	Last date to file 2010 Wool LDP Applications on Shorn Wool.
Apr 01, 2011	NAP Sales closing date and Service Fee Paid for Non-Insured Spring-Seeded Crops
Jun 1, 11	DCP/ACRES Signup Closes