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Emergency Conservation Program Lack of Funding Information

2011 ECP Applicants: "Currently Wyoming has one county that has been funded with Emergency Conservation Program dollars. The county is Crook and the program dollars received was \$145,000 for flood damage repairs. Twelve (12) other Wyoming county requests were submitted (including Uinta).

The majority of the ECP requests in Wyoming are for flood damage but a few are for fire damage on fences. Nationally there are 391 counties with ECP requests pending approval for a total of \$128,666,068.00 to date. In the national lineup, Wyoming's first request (Big Horn and Park) is 30th on the list, with \$19,379,048.00 dollars in requests ahead of theirs. The other Wyoming counties lag much further behind in the lineup, with several million dollars ahead of them. Wyoming has requested a total of \$1,900,000.00 from all counties in the state and as stated above,

The national office exhausted all regularly appropriated funds for ECP; plus an additional ad-hoc request, by June of 2011. There has been an extraordinarily large amount of natural disasters in the nation early in the year which wiped out all appropriated resources rapidly. Due to the current national budgetary constraints, we are getting word that it is not likely we will receive any additional funds for ECP. The only funds that are being sent out now are unused funds that were returned from counties that were initially funded, which are being re-allocated to the next county in the lineup."

Should ECP funds become available 2011 ECP applicants will be contacted to determine if they are still interested in the cost-share program.

Reminder: 2010 ECP Applicants

Please keep in mind that you must have bills/statements for proof of costs incurred. If you did the work yourself (or paid by check or cash) you will submit a statement for those costs incurred. Payments made by check must show proof of payment. A copy of the check serves as proof of payment. (Cash payments will have to be verifiable.) Be specific and include all elements of project completion work, [Labor (by whom and the dates performed and amount paid - proof is required), materials, equipment, purchased items, etc.]] Personal statements of cost must be signed and dated by the applicant.

It is the *producer's responsibility* to submit verifiable costs and proof of payment for costs incurred. Bills submitted in any name other than the applicant name will not be eligible for payment consideration.

Vendor purchase invoices must show proof of payment (check number and the date paid) for each document submitted.

ECP is administered by the local FSA County Committee in accordance with national program policy.

2012 - NAP Application Deadline - December 01, 2011 -

All disaster programs except the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) require current NAP coverage on all farms in all counties, in all states.

I encourage producers to consider applying for the 2012 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage to be eligible for FSA programs; particularly, if you were to have a significant disaster that may financially strap your ranching operation.

Continuous coverage letters were mailed to all 2011 NAP policyholders.

Without NAP coverage you simply are not going to be eligible for most program's that are administered by FSA.

\$500.00 of coverage (in most cases, if you cover both forage and grazing) may provide you with significantly more in disaster benefits should a loss event occur.

Low cost protection in the event of a disaster that may affect your individual ranch operation.

The NAP Application deadline for fall-seeded crops is December 01, 2011.

Contact the local County Office promptly.

Actual Production History (APH)

Are you prepared should a crop disaster event occur? Maintaining your actual production history records will aid in assuring your production information is on file with the county office.

Actual hay production is used to calculate the NAP Actual Production History (APH) yield. If you fail to report production even for one year your APH will be lower than if you had reported your actual production each year.

Consider stopping by the county office and reporting your production to the staff, or mail your 2011 crop production to the office.

Actual production evidence should include the bale count, average weight,

type of bale, along with the type of hay. When submitting a report of production remember that it must be signed and dated to be considered certified.

If you have not turned in production for prior years you may do so for the actual yield information to be included in the actual production history calculation for the 2012 APH yields.



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HAY NET SERVICE AVAILABLE

Hay Net is a free, online hay locator service on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet>.

Producers who want to buy or sell hay can post their ads at no charge to make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers and ranchers who have an emergency need. Individual ads can be posted by producers after completing a simple online registration form.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! - A great time to ponder all of the many blessings we enjoy.

May your Holiday be filled with the love of family, friends and great food! Enjoy!!!

2010 SURE Sign Up to Begin

Signup for the 2010 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) begins on November 14, 2011 and continues through June 1, 2012.

The program requires the purchase of NAP coverage and a crop insurance policy for insured crops. (There's that NAP requirement again.) Have you purchased NAP for future year's eligibility in this program?

Learn more about this program at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>, or, contact the local FSA county office for more information.

2011 CRP Rental Payments

The Continuous CRP Program is available to Uinta County producers. Annual contract payments plus cost-share established practices are available for applicants approved in this program. Contact FSA for more information about this program.

2012 DCP Sign-Up

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will begin January 23, 2012 and will continue through June 1, 2012. Producers can make use of the DCP automated website to sign up, or they can visit the local FSA Office.

Notice to Hispanic Women and/or Women Farmers and Ranchers

Compensation for claims of discrimination.

If you believe that the U.S. 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.

2011 FSA County Committee Election

This year's election in Uinta County covers LAA 1, which aligns with the Evanston School District boundaries.

Election ballots were mailed out to LAA 1 voters on November 1, 2011.

Gary K. Barker and Aaron R. Martin are the candidates from LAA 1. Both are long-time ranchers and are willing to serve if elected.

December 5, 2011 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or be postmarked on that date.

The election ballot count will take place on December 12, 2011 beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the USDA Service Center and is open to the public.

The newly elected committee member and alternate will take office on January 01, 2012 and serve a three-year term.

Exercise your right to vote! Every single vote counts!

☆ REMEMBER TO VOTE! ☆

NAP Crop Loss Reporting

For those of you with a NAP crop policy you are reminded that if you suffer a crop loss you must complete a Notice of Loss (Form CCC-576) with this office no later than 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or from the date that damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent. A Notice of Loss is required for each weather related event or adverse natural occurrence that causes damage to or loss of the specific crop or commodity. A timely filed Notice of Loss is required on all crops, including grasses. When a loss is sustained an appraisal needs to be completed before grazing occurs or before the land is put to another use.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Compliance for FSA and NRCS Program Participants (CCC-931)

Any person, entity or entity member MUST file a CCC-931 (new form) with the IRS to be in compliance for Fiscal Year 2012.

If you did not file the IRS forms CCC-927 or CCC-928 for the 2009 and/or 2010 year you may be required to pay back payments that have been earned. We have a list of Uinta County producers who have not filed or there are problems with your filed paperwork. If you think you may not be in compliance with the IRS filing requirement, contact the County Office immediately.

Effective for Fiscal Year 2012, Form CCC-931 replaces the CCC-927 and CCC-928 documents. Submission of FSA-931 to the IRS will now be completed by FSA.

Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check, as well as, that of the seller. Ag Products include, but are not limited to: Livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops.

Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a buyer!

You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at (307) 777-7378.

2011 - Dates to Remember

Monthly	Uinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday - 1:00 P.M.
	See Pg. 2 for E Gov Delivery Info!
	HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:
Nov. 11, 11	Office Closed - Veteran's Day
Nov. 24, 11	Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 26, 11	Office Closed - Christmas Day Observed
Jan. 02, 12	Office Closed - New Year's Day Observed
	Dates of Importance:
Nov. 04, 11	LAA #1 Election Ballots mailed out
Dec. 05, 11	COC Ballots for COC Election to be returned to County Office or Postmarked
Dec. 12, 11	County Office to County COC Ballots for Committee Election - 1:00 P.M. at the USDA Service Center - Public Welcome
Dec. 26, 11	Office Closed - Christmas Day Observed
Jan. 02, 12	Office Closed - New Year's Day Observed
Jan. 02, 12	Elected County Committee Member & Alternate takes office.
Within 15 Days	When loss is apparent file NAP Notice of Loss (hay and/or grazing)
HAY NET	Website available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet
LDP	No established LDP rate at this time.
Anytime	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, Land or Leases
Anytime	Report Banking Changes to COF



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 **2012 NAP Application**
Deadline - Dec. 01, 2011

 **LAA #1 COC Election**
Ballots mailed November 04,
2011. Remember to VOTE!
Return by Dec. 05, 2011.

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