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Folks, I am hoping by the time you read this newsletter the much needed moisture will already have come into the county. If not, the alternative is for all ranchers to put on yer' grass skirts and yer' cowboy boots and start dancin' up a storm!

Emergency Conservation Program 2012 – Drought Potential

FSA administers the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). **The criteria** this go-round would be assistance for EC6 Drought Emergency Measures. **First**, FSA needs documentation from you the producer's to support a program funding request. **Second**, the County Committee approves and submits the request up through the channels to the national level. **Third**, FSA must receive written program approval and funding. **Fourth**, if approved and funded, a sign-up period will be announced. **Fifth**, the County Committee considers potential applications for funding and NRCS completes the technical work. **Sixth**, if the application meets all eligibility criteria possible funding may occur if sufficient funds are made available and Uinta County is approved for disaster funding down the road.

Please advise CED Karey Clark of any concerns you may have if the hot, dry and windy conditions continue thru June. It appears that the grazing lands will be most affected by the current lack of moisture in the county.

FSA must first submit an emergency disaster request /application with supporting documentation to justify the need for program funding, if warranted.

Practice eligibility and potential funding includes the following criteria:

> Only those ranches that had adequate livestock watering systems or facilities before

- > A drought-related problem must exist, and the approved practice must be installed primarily to deal with the drought-related problem.
- > There must be adequate range or pasture residue for livestock in the area to be served by a proposed water facility at the time of the request.
- > Livestock water facilities should contribute to better distribution of grazing.
- > Pump equipment and adequate storage facilities must be provided when wells are installed.

Eligible components include:

- installing pipe to another source of water because the primary source is inadequate.
- storage facilities , including tanks and troughs above ground, if needed to supply water for immediate needs of livestock
- constructing and deepening wells for livestock water
- wells where there is no other source of emergency water available that could be developed at less expense
- measures to provide emergency water for livestock in confinement operations on the farm that were in confinement before the drought
- permanently installed submersible pump of a size that would address the needs of livestock on hand at the time of disaster
- solar panels to provide power to pump water for livestock and the solar panels are the least costly alternative.

NOTE: Remember, the program must first be requested and justified by drought conditions to be eligible for funding from the National level.

*** We are not in an ECP sign-up period at this time.**

I need documentation from you, the producer's, to support a program request for funding.

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



**** ATTENTION ****

**Important NAP
Deadline Change**

Recently Congress directed FSA and Risk Management Agency (RMA) to coordinate acreage reporting deadlines as a convenience to producers. The result is the new acreage reporting deadline for 2013 fall crops, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture), is November 15, 2012. This had a BIG impact on the NAP program because the deadline for reporting production and application for payment of crop losses on 2012 hay is also November 15, 2012. That means not just your bale count but a signed and dated production report, form FSA-452. A **WHOLE LOT EARLIER THAN PAST YEARS!!** So, as you finish baling, please turn you bale count records into the County Office and we will assist you in completing your FSA-452, production report. **THERE ARE NO LATE FILED PROVISIONS.** The County Committee will have to assign a yield for any NAP crop for which production was NOT reported timely. A reduced proven yield results in reduced payment on any future losses.



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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.

2013 - "NAP Application" Deadline

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 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. *Low cost protection in the event of a disaster.*

The 2013 NAP application deadline is December 01, 2012.

Contact the local County Office promptly if you wish to apply. Keep in mind that most programs require NAP coverage to be eligible to participate.

The year is already looking dry.... did you purchase NAP in the event you need assistance?

If not, you might consider applying for the 2013 crop year coverage before December 01, 2012.

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/yield 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 now.

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

2012 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 - Dates to Remember

Monthly As Needed	Uinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday – 1:00 P.M. Lyman USDA Service Center (Meetings held Quarterly due to Budget)
	See Pg. 2 for E Gov Delivery Info! (Help us keep operating costs down)
	HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:
Jul. 04, 12	Office Closed – Independence Day
Sep. 03, 12	Office Closed – Labor Day
	DATES OF IMPORTANCE:
June 15,12 thru Aug. 01, 12	COC Election Nomination of Candidates to run for election in Area LAA#2. (Mtn. View, Robertson, Ft. Bridger, McKinnon) Mtn. View School District boundary is the FSA LAA#2 boundary. Submit FSA 699A to County Office
Jul. 01, 12	Deadline to enroll in 2010 SURE
Jul. 16, 12	2012 Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline
Nov. 15,12 NEW	2013 Acreage Reporting deadline for fall seeded crops, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture)
Dec. 01, 12	2013 NAP Application Deadline for Fall Seeded or Perennial Crops
Jan. 31, 13	Deadline to file for Wool LDP for 2012 (IF wool rates are made known)
Aerial Imagery	Contact FSA for information on purchasing Aerial Imagery of Uinta County
Within 15 Days	When crop or grazing loss is apparent file NAP Notice of Loss (Forage Hay and/or Grazing)
HAY NET	Website available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet
Wool LDP	No posted LDP rate at this time.
Anytime	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, Land or Leases
Anytime	Report Banking Changes to COF

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION SEASON BEGINS

Nominate a Rancher to Serve

FSA county committees are important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is important that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

The 2012 election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA #2) in Uinta County. This area is currently represented by Wes Lupher. The boundary is the same as the Mountain View School District boundary lines. Refer to Map on this page.

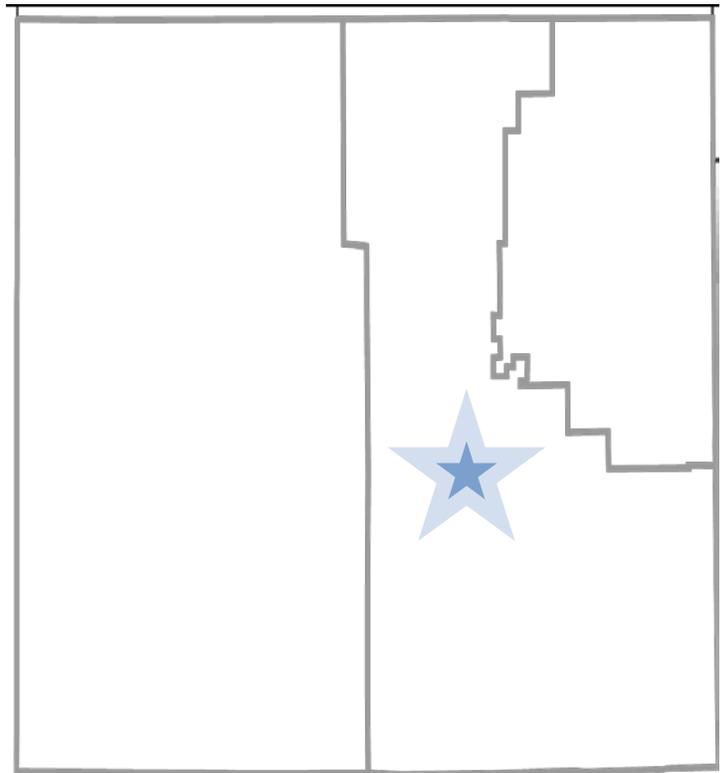
Where do I get a nomination form?

Nomination forms can be obtained by calling the Uinta County FSA Office at (307) 787-3859, Ext. 2 OR by downloading the form online at:
http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/efcommon/eFileServices/eFormsAdmin/FSA0669A_120222V01.pdf

Nominations forms (FSA-699A) are due in the County Office no later than August 1, 2012.

2012 Election Schedule

- June 15** COC Nomination Period Begins
(Use FSA-669A to nominate.)
- August 1** Deadline to submit nomination form
(FSA-669A)
- November 5** Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters
- December 3** Ballots must be returned (or postmarked) to the County Office
- December 10** Deadline to count ballots
The public may witness the ballot count



Uinta County Local Administrative Area Map

LAA#1 is the left area on the map.

* LAA#2 is the center area on the map

LAA#3 is the right area on the map

Uinta County Conditions...

Producers if you are experiencing dry/drought type conditions please contact CED Clark at the FSA Office, (307) 787-3859, Ext. 100. The potential for a 2012 Drought Disaster Designation may become a reality. Your loss information will help support a drought disaster finding.



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