



# NEWSLETTER



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## Acreege Reports for 2013 Crops (NEW) IMPORTANT DEADLINE

The 2013 and subsequent year's crop acreage reporting deadlines are now:

- Perennial Forage (hay & grazing), PRF, is NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring seeded crops & CRP is July 15,

Contact the office to schedule a time to report your intended use of your fields for 2013, soon. Please do not delay to avoid missing the deadline date. Most programs require Crop Reports.



## Purchasing NAP Coverage for the 2013 Crop Year

As the drought continues remember the deadline for purchasing 2013 NAP coverage for perennial forage and grazing crops regardless of intended use is December 01, 2012

Crops included are: irrigated grass hay meadows, pastures, and dry land range. The application fee is \$250 per crop/pay type. Covered crops are those crops for which RMA crop insurance is not offered.

NAP coverage is only for losses in excess of 50% of the normal yield.

\* Contact the office to sign up for coverage in the event the drought-type conditions continue through the winter into next crop season where losses percentages will be greater.

Many folks suffered more than a 50% loss of the 2012 crop and did not sign up for NAP. No application, no loss claim.

Contact the office for more details. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment to sign up for NAP coverage on your forage hay and grazing acres for 2013!

You will need to pay the applicable NAP fees at the time you make application. Please come prepared to pay the applicable fee(s).

**NOTE:** you can schedule your 2013 Crop Acreage reporting and 2013 NAP coverage appointments at the same time

## 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 grazing.

## Actual Production History (APH)

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

Actual hay production yields are 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" every year.

Consider stopping by the county office and reporting your 2012 production to the staff now that you have completed harvest.

Actual production evidence should include the bale count, average weight and type of bale, along with the type of hay and the field locations where harvested.

When submitting a report of production, remember your report must be signed and dated by you to be considered certified.

## Emergency Conservation Program Drought 2012

The Uinta County ECP application period closes on Friday, October 19, 2012. Contact the office to schedule an appointment if you wish to sign up for cost-share assistance. Surface Wells have been added as a cost-share component. Also included are livestock wells, water-hauling, spring developments, etc.

Funding for the program will be determined by WDC. In the meantime, FSA will take applications by appointment here in the Uinta County FSA Office.  
\* Making application for the ECP Program does not guarantee funding.

\* Please, be prepared with what it is that you need cost-share assistance on. I.E., water-hauling by the gallon and miles/day. Livestock well depth estimates, pipeline footages, tank sizes, surface well needs, spring developments, pipeline and tank, solar wells and pumps, etc. What is needed to complete your intended project? Obtaining an estimate of total cost with all components needed to complete the proposed project is very helpful for you to know and to bring with you to your scheduled appointment with FSA.

\* *If you are considering cost-share for a well (or surface well), it is suggested that you obtain your well permit now. You'll need to have proof of an approved well permit BEFORE cost-share payment will be issued. NO proof of a well permit on file, NO cost-share will be paid.*

Be sure labor (one or more persons) and equipment types and sizes are figured into the project needs.

Because we are using new software FSA needs to know at application time what is needed for each project.

\* Components/needs not included in the initial application will not be funded, or cost-shared on, when the project is complete.

Please call (307) 787-3859, Ext. 2 to schedule your ECP drought cost-share application /appointment.

**Once signup closes hopefully we will know if we have ECP funds available to fund potential applications. If no funds are allocated at that time, we wait for funding notification.**

After funding is known the Committee considers all potential applications and NRCS completes the technical work on permanent installed projects.

Applications must meet program and payment eligibility criteria to be considered.

**Practice eligibility and potential funding includes the following criteria:**

- > Only those ranches that had adequate livestock watering systems or facilities before the drought will be eligible for cost share assistance.
- > 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:**

- Water-hauling for no more than a 60-day period and will be based on a start date of July 23, 2012, as regulation requires.
- 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

• surface wells are eligible for this program.

• 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.

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



### Refer to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) online. **IRS Grants More Time to Replace Livestock Due to Drought**

Ranchers who previously were forced to sell livestock due to drought, like the drought currently affecting much of the nation, have an extended period of time in which to replace the livestock and defer tax on any gains from the forced sales, the Internal Revenue Service announced recently.

Ranchers who, due to drought, sell more livestock than they normally would can defer tax on the extra gains from those sales. To qualify, the livestock generally must be replaced within a four-year period. The IRS is authorized to extend this period if the drought continues.

The one-year extension of the replacement period announced generally applies to capital gains realized by eligible farmers and ranchers on sales of livestock held for draft, dairy or breeding purposes due to drought. Sales of other livestock such as those raised for slaughter or held for sporting purposes, and poultry are not eligible.

The IRS is providing this relief to any farm located in a county, parish, city or district, listed as suffering exceptional, extreme or severe drought conditions by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC). Counties for Wyoming are: Albany, Big Horn, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Fremont, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Laramie, Lincoln, Natrona, Niobrara, Park, Platte, Sheridan, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, Washakie and Weston counties.

Details on this relief, including a list of NDMC-designated counties, are available in Notice 2012-62. Details on reporting drought sales and other far-related tax issues can be found in Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, available on the IRS web site.

## 2013 CRP Rental

**Contracts:** 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.

## Congress is Again in Recess until after the November General Election.

The status of the Farm Bill remains on the House side of Congress.

Watch this newsletter for farm program information when the 2012 Farm Bill legislation has been finalized and released.

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## Livestock Producers Affected by Disasters Urged to Keep Good Records

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia has urged livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the current drought to keep thorough records of their livestock and feed losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchases because of lost production and supplies.

"There are extraordinary circumstances caused by a variety of disasters from fires in the west, floods in Florida, Hurricane Issac in the Gulf region, storms in Mid-Atlantic and drought and heat affecting the heartland," Garcia said. "Each of these events is causing economic consequences for ranchers and producers including cattle, sheep and dairy operations, bee keepers and farm-raised fish and poultry producers.:"

FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including: documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented by photographs or video records of ownership and losses. Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts. The costs associated with transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures. Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed.

Secretary Tom Vilsack also reminds producers that the department's authority to operate the 5 disaster programs included in the 2008 Farm Bill expired on September 30, 2011. This includes the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Tree Assistance program (TAP). Production losses due to disasters occurring AFTER September 30, 2011 are NOT eligible for disaster program coverage. Congress is currently considering (although in recess until after the November 06, 2012 General Election) these program for 2012. We will publicize any change in the status of these programs IF and WHEN they occur.

## 2012 Election Schedule

Wes Luper and L'nette Iorg will be the two candidates who appear on the 2012 County Committee Election Ballot. Thank you WES and L'NETTE for your willingness to serve! Only eligible voters in LAA#2 vote in this election. Important COC Election dates to remember are:

- November 5** Ballots will be mailed to eligible LAA #2 voters
- December 3** Ballots must be returned (or postmarked) to the Farm Service Agency Office in Lyman, WY
- December 10** Deadline for the Uinta County Committee to count all eligible LAA#2 ballots received. The 2012 Election ballot count will be performed on December 10, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. in the USDA Service Center. The public may witness the ballot count if so desired.

## 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. 3 for E Gov Delivery Info!  (Help us keep operating costs down)
	<b>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:</b>
<b>Oct. 08, 12</b>	Office Closed – Columbus Day
<b>Nov. 12, 12</b>	Office Closed – Veterans Day
<b>Nov. 22, 12</b>	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
<b>Dec. 25, 12</b>	Office Closed – Christmas Day
	<b>DATES OF IMPORTANCE:</b>
<b>Oct. 19, 12</b>	ECP Drought Sign Up Ends
<b>Nov. 05, 12</b>	COC ELECTION ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA#2
<b>Dec. 03, 12</b>	<b>Election LAA #2 ballots must be returned or postmarked to FSA</b>
<b>Dec. 10, 12</b>	Deadline to count LAA#2 election ballots
<b>Nov. 15, 12 NEW</b>	<b>2013 Acreage Reporting deadline for fall seeded crops, including perennial forage crops (hay and pasture)</b>
IMPORTANT <b>Dec. 01, 12</b>	<b>2013 NAP Application Deadline for Fall Seeded or Perennial Crops</b>
<b>Jan. 31, 13</b>	Deadline to file for Wool LDP for 2012 (IF wool rates are made known)
<b>Aerial Imagery</b>	Contact FSA for information on purchasing Aerial Imagery of Uinta County
<b>* Within 15 Days</b>	<b>When crop or grazing loss is apparent file NAP Notice of Loss (Forage Hay and/or Grazing)</b>
<b>HAY NET</b>	Website available online at: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet">www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet</a>
<b>Wool LDP</b>	No posted LDP rate at this time.
<b>Anytime</b>	Reports Changes in Ranch Operations, Land or Leases
<b>Anytime</b>	Report Banking Changes to COF





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Apply now in case the  
Drought continues!

 New Crop Acreage  
Reporting Deadline is  
November 15, 2012  
See details inside!

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New Release!

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