



# NEWSLETTER



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### County Committee Election Results

The results of the December 2012 County Committee Election are as follows: James Wesley "Wes" Lupher, Jr. will serve as a returning FSA Committee member for a three-year term which began on January 01, 2013.

L'nette Iorg will serve as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate to Mr. Lupher for a three-year term which also began on January 01, 2013.

Welcome back Wes and L'nette!  
"Thank you" for your continued service to FSA.

Thank you to all who took the time to cast your votes in the 2012 COC Election in LAA#2.

### Committee Organizational Meeting

The Organizational Meeting for the Uinta County Committee was held on December 10, 2012 to determine the Chairperson, Vice -Chairperson and Regular Member for the 2013 calendar year. The 2013 Uinta County Committee officers and members are:

James Wesley "Wes" Lupher, Jr.  
Chairman - LAA#2  
Aaron R. Martin  
Vice-Chairman – LAA#1  
Kirk L. Eyre  
Regular Member – LAA#3  
I. L'nette Iorg  
Advisor to the Committee

Thank you ALL for your commitment & service!!

### County Committee Recommends Advisor

The Uinta County Committee recommended Ms. L'nette Iorg to serve another term as Advisor to the Committee.

The Wyoming State FSA Committee must concur and approve her service. Ms. Iorg has been an asset to the Committee and

we look forward to her continued service to the producers in Uinta County. Thanks L'nette!

### IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

- Uinta County Agricultural Producers -

Due to budget constraints the Uinta County FSA Office (Farm Service Agency) have been advised to discontinue the mailing of newsletters to you, our customers.

If you received this newsletter by email we thank you for submitting your email address to FSA.

*Please share with your neighbors and friends the need to notify this office of email addresses to continue to receive future additions of the FSA newsletter.*

GOV Delivery is the means that we will now use to send out notifications & newsletters. In essence our ability to reach you is dependent upon receipt of your email address.

Copies of our newsletters will be available at the USDA Service Center, located at 100 East Sage Street in Lyman, WY, and other locations in the county. Newspaper media and radio broadcast will also be a source of future notifications.

### CONGRESS EXTENDS the FARM BILL

Congress has extended the 2008 Farm Bill through September 30, 2013. Most major programs extended include CRP, DCP/ ACRE, MILC and Commodity Loans

### Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

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

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Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

**Marketing Assistance Loans**

The 2013 marketing assistance loan program provisions are unchanged from 2012. Marketing assistance loans provide short-term financing that allows producers to store production and delay the sale of the commodity when prices are low.

**Farm Programs NOT Funded by Congress**

Four FSA disaster programs were extended through September 30, 2013; however, there are *NO funds* available at this time. Disaster programs include the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). The SURE program was not extended for 2012 and 2013 crop losses.

**Keep GOOD Records!**

Please continue to keep good records and receipts involving your livestock and crop losses in the event that disaster program funding becomes available.

**2013 Spring Seeded NAP Crop Coverage**

April 01, 2013 is the deadline to purchase NAP coverage for spring seeded and eligible crops. Contact the office for further details!

**ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS**

**Controlled Substance**

Persons convicted of planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance in any crop year shall be ineligible for Federal program benefits during the crop year of conviction and the four succeeding crop years

**Direct Deposit Changes**

Please notify FSA if you have changed bank accounts or your bank ownership has changed. Payments are made by direct deposit to the bank account FSA has on file. Payments

will be delayed if you have changed banks and you have not informed FSA.

**IRS Form 1099-G**

Producers annually receive their CCC-1099-C forms detailing payments producers have received from the Commodity Credit Corporation. This service is intended for customers to report taxable income to the IRS.

Starting with calendar year 2013, those producers with total reportable payments from FSA that are less than \$600 will not be receiving IRS Form 1099-G. Producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

**Payment Eligibility**

Before producers can receive payments, each producer must satisfy all other program or payment eligibility requirements including, but not limited to, filing a new farm operating plan or certify to no changes on form CCC-902, adjusted gross income certification on form CCC-933 and an AD-1026 certifying the farm is following an approved conservation system.

A farm operating plan is NOT required to be filed annually, IF the farming operation continues to be conducted as reflected on the farm operating plan and supporting documents are on file in the County Office. If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, foreign person, or average AGI determination, producers must timely notify the County Office by filing revised farm operating plans and/or supporting documentaion as applicable.

Failure to timely notify the County Office may adversely affect payment eligibility.

Statutory provisions require entities earning program benefits that are subject to limitation, to provide the names, addresses, and TIN's of the entity members to FSA.

A determination of NOT actively engaged in farming results in the producer being ineligilbe for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of actively engaged in farming.

Non Compliance with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisiions, either by exceeding the applicable limitations or by failure to submit a certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for ALL program benefits subject to AGI provisions; program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible person or legal entity in any legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the average AGI limitations.

Applicable annual limitations for person or legal entity, years 2009-2013 include:

**Commodity Programs:**

Counter Cyclical & ACRE	\$65,000
Direct Payment	\$40,000

**Conservation:**

CRP Annual Rental	\$50,000
EQIP (All YRS 2009-2012)	\$300,000
GRP	\$50,000
WHIP	\$50,000
WRP	\$50,000

**Disaster Assistance:**

ELAP/LFP/LIP/SURE	\$100,000
NAP	\$100,000
LDP/MAL	No Limits

**Loan Deficiency Program (LDP):**

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) will be available IF the posted county price goes below the loan rate. To date there are no LDP's available for all crops including wool. CCC-633 EZ forms need to be filed for the 2013 program year to be eligible for LDP's, should they become a reality

**Actively Engaged**

USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. The rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

(DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by FSA.

Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity must make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the farming operation. The contributions are to be performed on a regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contributions of others.

The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs when both of the following apply:

At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management; and

The total direct payments received by the legal entity and each of the members can not exceed \$40,000.

### **Appeal Process**

Once an FSA official makes a decision on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree.

Generally, program participants have three choices; an information review with the original agency decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation and finally an appeal to the next level of authority within the agency.

### **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)**

The 'new' CCC-933 AGI form for 2013 is now available. This form has to be filled out and signed EVERY year for program participants. If you have already been into the office, we did not have the new 2013 form so you will need to come back and fill out the form as soon as possible.

### **Conservation Compliance**

In order to receive benefits from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. It is important that you understand the status of land if you

plan to participate in any USDA programs. Producers should notify FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance.

To be eligible for USDA benefits, all producers planting agricultural commodities on predominantly highly erodible land are required to do so according to the provisions of an approved conservation system.

Be sure to follow tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements. Status reviews are conducted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to ensure producers follow an approved conservation system on highly erodible land. Violations can lead to possible ineligibility for USDA program benefits.

Landowners and operators can complete form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to determine whether a referral to NRCS is necessary.

### **Power of Attorney**

FSA has a Power of Attorney form available for those who find it difficult to visit the County Office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc. The Power of Attorney form makes it possible to designate another person to sign FSA paperwork on your behalf.

Contact FSA to complete or update a Power of Attorney document.

### **Spouse Signatures**

Reminder that husbands can sign for wives and wives for husbands for FSA business. This is true unless there is a written request to exclude on file with the county office.

### **Change of Address**

We strive to keep our records current. Our records are only as good as the most recent information we have on file!

### **Farm Reconstitutions**

FSA farms are constituted to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm

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

The following are methods used when completing a farm reconstitution. To be effective for the current year, reconstitutions must be requested by August 1, for farms enrolled in the Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

1. Estate method: the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate.
2. Designation of Landowner method: May be used when one, part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred.
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.
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 3 years or a waiver granted and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Buyers of Agricultural Products**

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

Failure to place a lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the product buyer. Protecting yourself is important! You may contact the Secretary of State's office at: (307) 777-7311.

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Questions about obtaining credit to start or enlarge a ranching operation, financing agricultural operating expenses or livestock or machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM – Riverton, WY  
(307) 856-7524 / for appointments

<b>2013 - Dates to Remember</b>	
As Needed	<b>Uinta County Committee Meeting Third Wednesday – 1:00 P.M. Lyman USDA Service Center  (Meetings held Quarterly due to Budget)</b>
	<b>SIGN-UP for GOV DELIVERY TO RECEIVE FUTURE FSA NEWSLETTERS</b>
	<b>Go to: <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe">www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe</a></b>
	<b>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:</b>
Feb. 18, 13	Office Closed President's Day
	<b>DATES OF IMPORTANCE:</b>
Continues	<b>March 25, 2013 – Last day to file discrimination claims for Hispanic and women farmer/rancher <a href="http://www.farmerclaims.gov">www.farmerclaims.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-508-4429</b>
Apr. 01, 2013	<b>2013 NAP Application Deadline For Spring Seeded Crops.</b>
Jun. 7, 2013	2011 SURE application deadline  (All INSURED crops only)
<b>Jul. 15, 2013</b>	<b>Spring Seeded Crops Reporting Deadline.</b>
<b>Jul. 15, 2013</b>	<b>NAP Actual Production History Report Deadline</b>
<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>Annual Notification</b>	Report Changes in Ranch Operations, Land or Leases, Purchased or Sold Land, to avoid possible program ineligibility. Contact FSA today!
<b>Annual Notification (AFIDA)</b>	The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report new holdings or their changes to the Secretary of Agriculture. Individuals who are not U.S. Citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, real estate agents, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.
<b>Special Needs</b>	Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should notify the county FSA office staff in person or by phone. This service is provided for office visits and any special even sponsored by FSA.
<b>Anytime</b>	Report Banking Changes to FSA Promptly

**FARM LOAN SPECIAL BULLETIN!**  
**NEW "Micro-loan" Program**

*FSA announced a new "Micro-loan" program designed to help small, family operations, secure loans under \$35,000. The micro-loan program will provide a simplified application process. Loans can be used to pay for initial start-up expenses, tools, irrigation, delivery vehicles, annual expenses, purchase land, livestock equipment, feed, seed, and supplies or to construct buildings or make farm improvements. Micro-loans will be target toward small farmers, veterans, and disadvantaged producers.*