

June 2013



## Uinta County, WY

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### Farm Service Agency

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#### **Business Hours:**

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **Closed - Federal Holidays**

#### **COC Regular Meeting Date:**

3rd Wednesday of the Month  
as determined by the COC

#### **Uinta County FSA Committee:**

J. Wesley  
Lupher, Jr., Chairman  
Aaron R. Martin, Vice-  
Chairman  
Kirk L. Eyre, Member  
I. L'nette Iorg, Advisor

#### **County Executive Director:**

Karey M. Clark

#### **Program Technician:**

Andrea L. Rollins

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Brian S. Harrell  
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Cheyenne Magnan  
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## 2013 County Committee Election

June 17 through August 1, 2013, is the period for nominating ranchers and farmers as candidates for the local FSA County Committee. The 2013 County Committee Election will be held in Local Administrative Area LAA #3. The boundary lines correlate with the Lyman School District boundary's.

Mr. Kirk L. Eyre currently serves on the FSA County Committee from this area.

Nomination for candidates for this year's County Committee Election will be accepted June 17 through August 1, 2013. Nomination forms (FSA-669A's) are available:

\* at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>, scroll down to the links under "Election Materials" and click on "2013 Nomination Form".

\* pick up the FSA-669A at the Farm Service Agency office located in the Lyman Town Hall building.

\* call the Farm Service Agency Office and request that the FSA-699A be mailed by regular mail.

NOTE: The nomination form (FSA-699A) must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve, if elected. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates.

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## Serving on the FSA County Committee

Ranchers and farmers who serve on the Committee help with the decisions necessary to administer government farm programs in Uinta County. Members provide valuable local input and make decision on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues.

FSA committee members serve on the board for a three-year term not to exceed nine consecutive years of service.

Producers who reside in the LAA holding the election, or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the local county committee, if elected.

Scheduling an appointment is recommended.

The final phase of the **2012 Farm Bill** is currently being worked on by Congress. Hopefully an announcement will be made soon.

**2013 ELECTION PERIOD TIMELINE:**

Jun. 17, 2013	Nomination period begins
Aug. 01, 2013	Last day to file nomination forms at USDA Service Center
Nov. 04, 2013	Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters
Dec. 02, 2013	Last day to return ballots to the USDA Service Center
Jan. 01, 2014	Newly elected county committee members takes office

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## Importance of County Committee Membership

FSA encourages beginning ranchers, women ranchers, and organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities to participate in the County Committee election process.

The election of agricultural producers to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee is important to all ranchers and farmers, whether beginning or long-established, large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA County Committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County Committee (COC) members are a critical component of FSA operations. The intent is to have the COC reflect the makeup of the producers and represent ALL constituents. This means wherever possible, minorities, women or lower income producers need to be on the committee to speak for these under-represented groups.

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## 2013 Crop Acreage Reporting of Intended Use (Now)

Crop reporting time has arrived! The 2013 Crop Acreage Reports will be emailed to producers. For those that we do not have email addresses for we will be mailing those reports to the applicable producer. Watch your email or regular postal mail for your 2013 Acreage Report.

Please take a few moments to review and verify the information. Affixing your signature is your certification that the reported acreage is correct! If you discover information that is not correct please notify us promptly. Corrections will be made and the report(s) resent for a final producer signature certifying the corrected crops and acres.

The 2013 Crop Acreage Report of Intended Use deadline is July 15, 2013.

Filing an accurate acreage report of all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acres, can prevent the loss of benefits for a number of programs. Contact the office for filing timeframes.

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## Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP is a federally funded disaster assistance program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops not insured through private insurance companies. Natvie Grass Hay, Spring-Seeded Grain Crops, Grazing acres, etc.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than July 15 of the following year. FSA

requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to Agency specifications. NAP losses must be reported with 15 days of the crop loss.

#### **2013 ACTUAL PRODUCTION HISTORY YIELD ESTABLISHMENT:**

The county office is preparing the 2013 APH sheets for those with 2013 NAP crop coverage. Acreage production is required to complete the NAP Yield. The producer is responsible for timely filing their acreage production records for NAP purposes. The APH Yield documents will either be emailed, or mailed by regular mail or you will be contacted by phone to stop by and certify the document(s).

#### **FILLING A NAP NOTICE OF LOSS:**

For those of you who obtained NAP policies for the 2013 crop year, be aware that loss claims must be timely filed in order to be eligible for payment. You must timely file a notification of loss EVERY time you experience a loss event (such as hail, drought conditions, flood, etc.). This notification must be filed within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster condition occurred or damage to the crop became evident. In case of drought, loss would be evident not later than harvest and if not harvested, they by the end of the crop year, and definitely BEFORE you turn livestock out to graze it. If you expect to get paid, timely file your notification of loss! And, follow up with submission of your actual production evidence so a loss payment may be computed, if eligible.

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## **NAP Appraisal Requirements**

If you NAP coverage on your grass hay or small grain hay and the crop suffered a loss and you plan to graze some or all of those acres intended for hay, you need to have FSA appraise those acres BEFORE you turn livestock in (no exceptions). We need advance notice to line up an appraiser and in drought years this can take time. Our appraisers are located in other parts of Wyoming and in Idaho, or Utah. The appraisers work very hard to service often very large areas. This means that producers will be required to contact the County Office BEFORE turning cattle on hay fields to be grazed. Appraisals will not be made until after the end of the normal haying season. If you need to turn cattle into hay fields before then, it is your responsibility to contact the County Office to determine the number of representative sample areas to fence or panel off for later appraisal. Do not lose out on NAP benefits because you failed to follow the NAP policy! Questions, please contact the local FSA office for more information.

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#### **2013 - FSA IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

June 17	2013 County Committee Election candidate-nomination period begins (FSA-699A)
July 4	Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed
July 15	2013 Crop Acreage Reporting of Intended Use deadline
July 15	2013 NAP - Actual Production History (APH) Yield deadline
August 1	Deadline to submit 2013 COC Election Nomination forms - (FSA-699A)

Within 15 Days: File NAP Notice of Loss for crop or grazing losses (Forage Hay and/or Grazing)  
Anytime: Report changes in ranch operations, land or leases, purchased or sold land. By doing so you will help assure program eligibility. Help us keep your records up-to-date!  
Anytime: Report banking changes to assure your financial institution information is current with FSA

#### **TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY to RECEIVE FSA NEWSLETTERS and PROGRAM UPDATES VIA EMAIL:**

Due to the concentrated efforts of the Federal Government to reduce operating costs, we are now providing more and more information via email, and less newsletters and paper mail are being sent by regular postal mail. We encourage you to provide FSA with your email address for you to stay abreast of the latest in FSA program announcements, changes and updates. If you would like to receive our electronic notifications and updates please contact FSA by telephone at (307) 787-3859, or email [karey.clark@wy.usda.gov](mailto:karey.clark@wy.usda.gov). This effort will help reduce the amount of paper material that are sent by regular mail and save on postal mailing costs. We

can all do our part to help reduce operating costs! Consider EMAIL a paper-reduction solution!

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