

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Weston County's agricultural community has suffered ~~critical~~ impairment of their operation caused by a severe drought for a period of six months starting in December, 19 87, and

WHEREAS, the cost of support to the agricultural community is far in excess of county resources available,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Weston County Commissioners of Weston County, Wyoming, declare this to be an agri-business disaster area.

Dated at Newcastle, Wyoming, this 21st day of June, 19 88.

John S. Berdahl
County Commissioner, Chairman

Ronald R. Moody
County Commissioner

Edward Pinski
County Commissioner

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

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COUNTY OF WESTON
1 West Main
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

June 22, 1988

The Honorable Mike Sullivan
Governor, State of Wyoming
State Capitol Building
Cheyenne, Wy. 82002

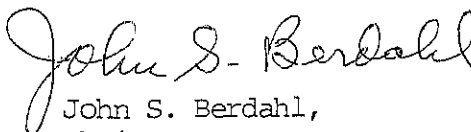
Dear Governor Sullivan:

At the June 21, 1988, meeting of the Weston County Commissioners the enclosed resolution declaring Weston County an agri-business disaster area was adopted.

The Weston County Commissioners request your support in declaring Weston County a disaster area. The necessary paper-work will follow from the ASCS office.

Sincerely,

WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


John S. Berdahl,
Chairman

C: Don Rolston
Dean Ross

ENC. (1)

WESTON COUNTY
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

Time: 9:00 A.M.
Date: June 21, 1988
Place: Weston County Emergency Headquarters
Newcastle, WY 82701

Persons Present: Dean L. Ross, CED, Chairperson
Walt Soper, Civil Defense Coordinator
John Berdahl, County Commissioner
Ed Pzinski, County Commissioner
Keith Culver, SCS
Ron Moody, County Commissioner
Phil James, FS

Persons Absent: Jack Robinson, ES
Dave Lingle, FmHA

(Dave Lingle had called Dean and advised him that he would be at an FmHA school this week.)

(Jack Robinson was at 4-H camp this week.)

Dean reported that he had talked to both Dave Lingle and Jack Robinson last Friday and they agreed with this group that the southwest part of the county is extremely dry, grass (grazing) is very short--25% of normal, dry land hay will be 100% loss. There is basically no farming in this area.

In the central part of the county grass (grazing) is short--10% to 50% of normal, hay and grain crops are estimated at 30% to 50% of normal.

In the northeast part of the county grass (grazing) is about normal, hay is 50% of normal (because of dry hot winds). As of this date grain crops are estimated at 75% to 95% of normal.

After reviewing all of the conditions and Dean and Walt reviewing what programs might become available, the following recommendation were made:

- (1) The County Commissioners will request disaster designation through the Governor's office.
- (2) The ASCS office will start the paperwork to get other designation approvals:
 - #1 Hay and Graze ACR and CU Acres
 - #2 Hay and Graze CRP Acres
 - #3 Emergency Feed Program
 - #4 Other Available Programs

SUMMARY

It was the general feeling of the group present that disaster designation for the whole county be requested (splitting the county is not practical because several producers operate in more than one area of the county).

All requests for assistance must be requested on an individual basis, so each individual producer would be approved or disapproved according to their losses.

One advantage to some producers who would opt to sell all of their livestock, if the disaster designation is approved, would be the producer could get some tax relief in that the producer would have some time to replace their livestock without paying tax on the sale money.

Dean L. Ross, CED.
Weston County ASCS Office.
Chairman PAC Emergency Board.

*Copies
submitted by Dean Ross*

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Agricultural
Stabilization and
Conservation Service

Weston County ASCS Office
P.O. Box 297
Newcastle, WY 82701

TO: Wyoming State ASC Committee

DATE: 6-22-88

FROM: Weston County ASC Committee

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SUBJECT: Recommend Approval of the Emergency Feed Program (EFP)

Dean L. Ross, CED, checked with the committee members by phone June 21, 1988, on the drought conditions of the county. It was agreed the southwest two thirds of the county was extremely dry, producers were selling yearling cattle three to four months early, culling and selling cows and calves and many of the producers have gone out of the county with livestock for summer grazing.

In this area there will be no dryland hay, a lot of the range has never greened up, there is very little grain grown in this area.

In the eastern and central part of the county it is dry. Producers have sold most of their yearling cattle, moved the livestock to late summer and fall pasture already. Dryland hay in this area will be from 0% to 33% of a normal crop. It appears that grain crops in this area will be from 40% to 60% of normal.

In the northeast corner of the county they have had about normal moisture this spring and summer, but the hot dry winds are cutting the dryland hay production to 60% to 80% of normal. As of this date grain and grass are below normal but not disastrous as of this date.

On June 21, 1988, Dean met with the County Commissioners, County Emergency Coordinator, and County Emergency Board. All persons there concurred with the County Committee's appraisal of the situation as of this date. (See copy of minutes.)

Also on June 21, 1988, Dean and Mike Hoffland, Wyoming State DD, toured the south and west part of the county. Mike agreed most of the area was in a disaster condition.

After these meetings and tours, the County Commissioners are expected to request the Governor to declare Weston County a disaster area.

The Weston County ASC Committee is requesting approval of the Emergency Feed Program for the established feeding period of June 1, 1988 through May 31, 1989.

Your immediate approval of this request will be appreciated.



Dean L. Ross, CED
for the Weston County ASC Committee

CC: Martin Hoffland

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P.O. Box 297
Newcastle, WY 82701

TO: Wyoming State ASC Committee

DATE: 6-22-88

FROM: Weston County ASC Committee

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SUBJECT: Recommend Approval to Hay and/or Graze 1988 ACR and CU for Pay.

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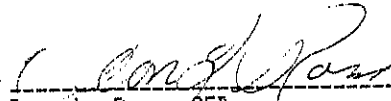
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The Weston County ASC Committee is requesting authority for producers to hay and/or graze their ACR and CU for pay acres.

Your immediate approval of this request will be appreciated.



Dean L. Ross, CED
for the Weston County ASC Committee

CC: Martin Hoffland

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 DF-19 (2-22-84) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

1. STATE
 WYOMING

2. COUNTY
 WESTON

DOCUMENTATION FOR EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING OF 1988 ACR AND CU FOR PAYMENT ACREAGE

2. TYPE OF NATURAL DISASTER
 Drought

4. DATE(S) OF NATURAL DISASTER
 September 1987 to present.

3. PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE (County Average)

MONTH	PRECIPITATION				TEMPERATURE			
	1986	1987	1988 TO DATE	NORMAL	% OF NORMAL	NORMAL	1988 TO DATE	DEVIATION FROM NORMAL
Jan.	.15	.07	.20	.38	.5263	31.9	30.1	- 1.8
Feb.	.64	1.56	.39	.83	.4699	24.7	31.0	+ 6.3
Mar.	.54	1.00	.31	.68	.4559	44.8	50.1	+ 5.3
Apr.	2.82	.02	.57	1.40	.4071	45.1	54.5	+ 9.4
May	1.61	3.50	1.43	2.57	.5564	54.2	61.5	+ 7.5
June	4.48	.61	* 1.31	2.38	.5504	64.0	*75.1	+11.1
July	1.16	.50	*as of June 20, 1988	1.76	-	71.8	*as of June 20, 1988	
Aug.	1.08	.65		1.21		69.8		
Sept.	3.30	.96		1.05		59.0		
Oct.	1.80	.58		1.80		47.7		
Nov.	.81	.65		.81		32.9		
Dec.	.03	.19		.40		24.7		

6. Has the natural disaster caused additional supplemental feeding? If "yes", to what extent? Some
producers have never stopped feeding since last spring. Producers are going into fall and winter pasture now or going out of the county to graze livestock.

7. Are livestock herds being liquidated as a direct result of the natural disaster? If "yes", provide an estimate of the number being liquidated 4000 hd.
All yearling cattle sold 4 months early. Some cows and calves sold.

8. Has the county been approved for haying during the 7-month period?
 If "no", will this request result in an adverse economic impact in the county? --NO
In March & April we have had some high temperatures of 75°.
In May & June we have had some temperatures in the 90's.

YES	NO
X	
X	
	X

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(04-07-88)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commodity Credit Corporation

1. STATE
WYOMING

2. COUNTY
WESTON

COUNTY FEED LOSS ASSESSMENT REPORT

3. Does county currently have a Secretarial Designation for FMHA loans or is the county contiguous to a county that does? YES NO

4. DATE(S) OF DISASTER
September 1987 to present

5. DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER:
DROUGHT
EXCESSIVE MOISTURE
OTHER, Explain

6. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:
Haying & Grazing
FEED COST-SHARE
CCC-OWNED GRAIN

FEED CROPS	ACRES GROWN IN DISASTER YEAR	NORMAL YIELD	CONVERSION FACTOR	NORMAL PRODUCTION (Lb. F.G.E.)	PERCENT OF LOSS	PRODUCTION LOSS IN DISASTER YEAR (Lb. F.G.E.) (Column 11 x Column 12)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
a. Oats	3231	38 bu./ac	100	122778	40%	49111
b. Barley	829	30 bu/ac	100	24870	40%	9948
c. Corn	536	47 bu/ac	100	25192	30%	7558
d. (Hay) (I) Alfalfa	3000	2.5 ton/ac	.64	4800	0	4800
e. Grass (Hay)	9500	.93 ton/ac	.57	5036	50%	2518
f. Alfalfa/Grass (Hay)	7000	1.00 ton/ac	.61	4270	60%	2562
g. (Dry) Alfalfa	4000	1.22 ton/ac	.64	3072	60%	1843
h. Native Pasture	1031981	42 ac/au 335 days		82312770	60%	49387662
i. Improved Pasture	40481	29 ac/au 335 days		4676253	50%	2338127
j.						
k.						
l.						
m.						
TOTAL				87179041		51804129

14a. NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS IN COUNTY: 366

14b. NUMBER NEEDING ASSISTANCE: 189

14c. WEIGHTED AVERAGE LOSS (Total Column 13 ÷ Total Column 11): .5942

15. COC AND STC CERTIFICATION

Based on the above data, it is recommended that this county be approved for the Emergency Livestock Program.

SIGNATURE COC: _____ DATE: 6/22/88

SIGNATURE STC: _____ DATE: _____

WASHINGTON OFFICE USE

EOLPD RECOMMENDS: APPROVAL DISAPPROVAL

DATE: _____

CONCURRENCE DASCO: APPROVED DISAPPROVED

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE EOLPD DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: _____

SIGNATURE DASCO OR DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: _____