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Accommodations:

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Limited Staff Availability at Montana FSA Offices This Week

Staff members from FSA offices across Montana will be participating in a statewide training this week, Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, 2016. Many FSA offices will remain open with exception of the one to two person FSA offices, which may be closed some days this week. You may wish to call prior to traveling to these offices to ensure that they are open. The offices that are open will have limited staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Montana FSA Distributes Statewide August/September 2016 Mailed Newsletter

In August 2016, FSA distributed nearly 60,000 newsletters to FSA customers across Montana. An electronic copy is available on the Montana Internet at www.fsa.usda.gov/mt or by selecting the links below:

[August/September 2016 Mailed Newsletter \(pdf\)](#)

Newsletter Link:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/2016augmtfsanewsletter.pdf

800-877-8339.

Alternatively, you may also contact Montana FSA Civil Rights Coordinator

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Montana USDA Office Directories

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Important FSA Deadlines for Montana Farmers and Ranchers

- **NOW!!:** File form CCC-633 EZ with FSA to protect potential Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) eligibility
- **Sept. 1:** 2017 NAP Application Closing Date for Value-Loss Crops such as nursery, Christmas trees, grass sod, ginseng, aquaculture, floriculture, root stock sets and mushrooms
- **Sept. 30:** 2017 NAP Application Closing Date for Annual Fall-Seeded Crops, Perennial Forage and Grazing, Mixed Forage Crops including spring seeded annual types of mixed forage, Rye, Speltz, Triticale, Wheat and Garlic
- **Sept. 30:** Final date for some CRP producers to complete mid-contract management activity on CRP
- **Nov. 1:** 2016 Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees & Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Application for Payment Deadline
- **Nov. 7:** County Committee Election Ballots will be Mailed to Eligible Voters
- **Nov. 12:** All Hay Bales Must be Removed from CRP
- **Nov. 15:** 2017 Acreage Reporting Deadline for Apiculture, Perennial Forage, Pasture, Rangeland & Forage (PRF) including Native Grass, Fall Wheat (Hard Red Winter – HRW), and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains
- **Nov. 15:** Deadline for 2016 NAP Production Reports for Annual Fall-Seeded Crops, Perennial Forage, Mixed Forage Crops, Rye, Speltz, Triticale, Wheat and Garlic
- **Dec. 1:** 2017 NAP Application Closing Date for Honey Producers
- **Dec. 5:** Last Day to Return Voted County Committee Election Ballots to local FSA offices
- **Dec. 16:** Final date to enroll in the 2017 Margin Protection Program Dairy (MPP-Dairy). The MPP Dairy Program 2017 Registration has been extended to Dec. 16.

Ongoing FSA Notice of Loss Requirements:

NAP: Submit Notice of Loss with FSA within 15 calendar days of the earlier of a natural disaster occurrence, the final planting date if planting is prevented by a natural disaster, the date that damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent; or the normal harvest date.

ELAP: Submit Notice of Loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent or Nov. 1st after the end of the program year in which the loss occurred.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): Submit Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent.

USDA Extends Margin Protection Program for Dairy Enrollment Deadline to Dec. 16

USDA announced that it will extend the deadline for dairy producers to enroll in the Margin Protection Program (MPP) for Dairy to Dec. 16, 2016, from the previous deadline of Sept. 30. This voluntary dairy safety net program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy producers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the producer. A USDA web tool, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy producers to calculate levels of coverage available from MPP based on price projections.

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