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Campbell County FSA Deadlines

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Next County Committee Meeting: April 8 at 1:00 pm

Fast Approaching Deadlines!

Timeline for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC)

The ARC/PLC program replaces the DCP program

The following summarizes the remaining phases of ARC/PLC.

Phase 3 - March 31, 2015 - ARC/PLC 1-time elections by current producers on a farm.

Phase 4 - Mid-April 2015 - Summer 2015 - ARC/PLC enrollment for both the 2014 and 2015 crop years. 2014 producers enroll under 2014 contracts, and 2015 producers enroll under 2015 contracts.

To assist current producers as they elect PLC, ARC-CO, or ARC-IC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios. The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. Producers can access the online resources from the convenience of their personal computer, Smartphone, or tablet at any time.

The deadline to sign-up for this new program is approaching quickly. Please call the office to make an appointment to make your election by the **March 31, 2015 deadline**.

Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Current Programs and Important Dates:

2015 Fall Acreage Reports

Please contact the FSA County office, as soon as possible, to complete your 2015 fall acreage report. If you planted a fall seeded crop, you will need your final plant date.

2014 Hay Production Reports

Reports of 2014 hay production can be made at this time. The deadline for these reports is July 2015. Please contact the county office while this information is fresh in your mind.

Documentation of Livestock Losses for LIP

Be certain you are documenting adverse weather conditions along with documentation of losses of livestock due to weather. Cause of death, temperature, winds and moisture conditions at the time of loss are necessary. This documentation will be required in the event you suffer catastrophic losses.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 31, 2015 – Deadline for ARC/PLC Elections

April 8, 2015 - 1:00 pm - Next scheduled COC meeting

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops

--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,

--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, Banking info changes, etc.

Any time --CRP Continuous Signup

--Paid measurement services from FSA

Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.

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