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Big Horn County FSA Updates

Big Horn County FSA Office **Office Closed Sept 20-22**

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Michael Rasmussen- Chairman
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Next County Committee Meeting: November 9, 2016 1:30PM

Big Horn County FSA office will be closed Tuesday, September 20 – Thursday, September 22 so the staff can attend training in Casper. The NRCS and Conservation District offices will remain open.

Livestock Forage Program- LFP

LFP covers eligible grazing losses due to drought and wildfire. Livestock producers who suffer grazing losses occurring in 2016 due to drought or wildfire have until January 30, 2017 to report their losses and enroll in the program.

Producers who have suffered a grazing loss this year should contact the Big Horn County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to enroll in the program before the deadline.

The application consists of livestock numbers and acres. Livestock are listed by kind, type and numbers eligible as of April 1. Additionally, the number of pasture acres and intended grazed crop acres used by the livestock must be reported on form FSA-578 Report of Acreage. If a FSA-578 was not submitted timely on the grazed acreages a late-file fee will be assessed in order to file the acreage report. (The deadline to file a timely 2016 grazed crop report was November 15, 2015. If you did not meet this deadline your farm(s) acreage reports will be "late-filed").

Written leases for leased land or a CCC-855 Lease Agreement Certification must be submitted on any non-federal leased land. Producers with BLM, State, or Forest Service leases must submit those leases.

Eligible livestock includes alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland.

For more information about LFP, contact the Big Horn County FSA Office at 307-765-2689 ext. 2.

Filing a Notice of Loss For Crops Covered Under NAP (Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program)

A Notice of Loss (CCC-576) is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by a producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including pasture grass. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the Big Horn County FSA Office the earlier of:

- 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop first becomes apparent.
- 15 days after the normal harvest.

The Notice of Loss notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, in person, email, fax, or phone. Producers who notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576 are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

Range assessments are usually made at the end of the growing season, which for Big Horn County is considered October 15th. If you have a 2016 NAP policy and are suffering from drought related losses, please stop by the office to complete a Notice of Loss. Additionally Notices of Losses can be filed on pasture losses from wildfires.

Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers

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 to purchase or improve farms or ranches.

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

A targeted underserved 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, targeted underserved 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.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Brenda Miller at 307-765-2689 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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