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## Crook County FSA Updates

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### Next County Committee

Meeting: September 22

## Livestock Forage Program (LFP) Signup Now Underway

Severe drought conditions have created a need for livestock disaster assistance programs in Crook County. LFP covers eligible grazing losses due to drought. Livestock producers who are experiencing grazing losses this year (2016) due to drought have until January 30, 2017 to report their losses and enroll in the program.

Producers should contact the Crook County FSA Office to schedule an appointment to enroll. The LFP application and required supporting documentation must be filed no later than January 30, 2017, for losses that occurred throughout 2016.

Documentation on livestock inventory (livestock numbers as of June 28, 2016) will be required.

A crop report will be required as well. Producers that have not filed a 2016 crop acreage report will have to pay a late-filed fee of no less than \$31 per farm.

Eligible livestock (livestock used in a commercial ranch operation) 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 Crook County FSA Office at 307 283-2870 ext. 2. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. Visit [www.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.usda.gov/disaster) to learn more about FSA disaster assistance programs.

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## Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

### Filing a Notice of Loss:

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all NAP eligible crops that includes grass hay, small grain hay, improved grass for grazing and native pasture grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office the earlier of:

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

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.

Producers who purchased a NAP policy for 2016 should be taking action to file a notice of loss.

Producers who do not have a 2016 NAP policy may want to consider buying one on their crops for 2017. The deadline to do so is April 1, 2017.

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## **Emergency Conservation Program**

When a natural disaster occurs the Emergency Conservation Program can provide cost share payments to restore the land to productive agricultural purposes. Currently, this office has requested approval to implement a fencing program to restore fences destroyed/damaged by the Douglas and Kara Creek fires. Once approval is given the county will announce a signup period to accept applications from affected producers.

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