

January 2016



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

February 15, 2016 – President’s Day Holiday – County Office Closed

April 1, 2016 – Deadline to purchase 2016 NAP coverage

August 1, 2016 – ARC/PLC Contract Signup Deadline

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Next County Committee Meeting: 04/14/2016

FARM PROGRAMS

Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The final date to purchase Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage has changed to **April 1st**. NAP covers grazed crops and grass and/or small grain hay. For those producers who are looking to cover hay crops not eligible for coverage by FCIC, keep in mind that NAP now offers buy up coverage. If you are interested, stop by and we can run some scenarios.

****Producers who certify that they are Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or a Beginning farmer will have the service fee waived and any buy-up coverage premium will be 50 percent of the calculated premium amount.****

The final date to report spring planted crops is **July 1st**.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

With calving season just around the corner, keep in mind that FSA provides assistance for livestock losses caused by an eligible adverse weather event. Losses must exceed normal mortality and be directly related to the adverse weather event. Producers must be able to provide verifiable documentation including but not limited to veterinary records, tax records, contracts, financial documents, purchase and/or sales records, etc. to show proof and reasonableness of beginning and ending inventory and death loss. In addition, producers may use reliable records such as but not limited to contemporaneous records, pictures of losses that include date, brand inspection records, etc. Producers must also provide documentation that supports the claim of an adverse weather event. This documentation may include but is not limited to personal diaries, calving records, online weather sites that provide historical weather as well as conditions that occurred during the adverse event. To apply for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the participant must file a **Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days** of when the loss of livestock was apparent. Notice of Loss may be filed by one of the following methods: in person, telephone, fax, or email.

****Keeping good records is required!****

2016 ARCPLC Contracts

Please contact the county FSA Office to get an appointment to complete your 2016 ARC/PLC contracts. The signup began Dec. 7, 2015 and will continue through **August 1, 2016**. Producers are urged to call for

appointments so that we can have your paperwork ready for you.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Guaranteed Loans

GUARANTEED FARM OWNERSHIP AND OPERATING LOAN PROGRAM

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, who applies for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. A percentage of guaranteed loan funds is targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers, and minority applicants.

Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt. Guaranteed Operating Loans may be made to purchase items needed such as livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, repairs, insurance, and other operating expenses. OLs also can be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family living expenses, and to refinance debts under certain conditions.

To learn more, visit: www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.com

Direct Loans

FSA offers direct farm ownership and direct farm operating Loans to producers who want to establish, maintain or strengthen their farm or ranch. FSA loan officers process, approve and service direct loans.

Direct farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other costs including family living expenses. Operating loans can also be used to finance minor improvements or repairs to buildings and to refinance some farm-related debts, excluding real estate.

Direct farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, enlarge an existing farm, construct and repair buildings, and to make farm improvements.

The maximum loan amount for both direct farm ownership and operating loans is \$300,000 and a down payment is not required. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your local FSA office for more information or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan.

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