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## Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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### Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Office

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### County Executive Director:

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### Farm Loan Manager:

Bill Morrison, Farm Loan Manager

### Program Technicians:

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### County Committee:

Everett Jones  
Julie Haun  
Arnold Pennoyer  
David Slover  
Kirk Tolman

### Next County Committee

Meeting: To be determined

## Emergency Livestock Assistance Program

The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Eligible livestock losses include grazing losses not covered under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), loss of purchased feed and/or mechanically harvested feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, additional cost of transporting water because of an eligible drought and additional cost associated with gathering livestock to treat for cattle tick fever.

Eligible honeybee losses include loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, cost of additional feed purchased above normal quantities due to an eligible adverse weather condition, colony losses in excess of normal mortality due to an eligible weather event or loss condition, including CCD, and hive losses due to eligible adverse weather.

Eligible farm-raised fish losses include death losses in excess of normal mortality and/or loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event.

Producers who suffer eligible livestock, honeybee, or farm-raised fish losses from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 must file a notice of loss at your county office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent.

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## Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC) Program

Signup for the program starts December 7 and runs through **August 1, 2016**. It is your responsibility to enroll your farm each year

(2016, 2017 and 2018) during the signup period.

**Remember you can complete your crop reports for 2016 at the same time as you enroll for ARC/PLC, but crop reports for Wyoming are due by 7/15/16 for all – Spring Seeded Alfalfa, Forage Seeding, and all other spring seeded crops.**

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## 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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