



# NEWSLETTER



Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA

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**Next meeting:**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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## **Washakie County Livestock Forage Disaster Program Sign-up**

**Washakie County** livestock producers who have suffered a grazing loss due to drought may be eligible for assistance under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for a one month period (based on drought severity).

If you have suffered a grazing loss due to drought in 2016, ***please call the office to set up an appointment*** to file an application at 307-347-2456 ext. 2.

**Please be prepared to provide the following information to FSA when you arrive for your appointment to apply for the Livestock Forage Program.**

1. New or renewed leases that have not been reported to FSA.
2. Deed or proof of ownership for any purchased land that has not been reported to FSA.
3. Entity paper work, if you are applying as an entity. This must include signature authority for the entity.
4. The number of livestock that normally would graze your pastures.

**The deadline to apply for LFP is January 30, 2017.**

## **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 of a *Notice of Loss* is required for all crops including 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 within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent or 15 calendar days after the normal harvest date.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

## **COMMODITY LOANS**

### **Non-Recourse Marketing Assistance Loan**

Marketing assistance loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. Allowing producers to store production at harvest facilitates more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

Marketing assistance loans for covered commodities are non-recourse because the commodity is pledged as loan collateral and producers have the option of delivering the pledged collateral to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) in satisfaction of the repayment of the outstanding loan for the loan at maturity. A settlement value is determined and applied to the outstanding loan principal and interest.

Market loan repayment provisions specify, under certain circumstances, that producers may repay loans at less than principal plus accrued interest and other charges.

### **Recourse Marketing Assistance Loan**

Recourse loans must be repaid at principal plus interest. The recourse loan commodity cannot be delivered or forfeited in satisfaction of the outstanding loan.

### **Marketing Assistance Loan Eligibility**

For a commodity to be eligible for a marketing assistance loan, the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity in addition to other eligibility requirements. If interested, please contact the Washakie-Hot Springs County office at 307-347-2456 Ext. 2.

## **Report Livestock Losses**

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For 2016, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2016, and before December 31, 2016. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are requested:

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

Producers must also file:

- A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent or by January 30, 2017
- An application for payment by January 30, 2017.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## **Loan Servicing**

There are options for Farm Service Agency loan customers during financial stress. If you are a borrower who is unable to make payments on a loan, contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager to learn about the options available to you.

## **Farm Storage Facility Loans**

FSA's Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program provides low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade storage facilities.

The low-interest funds can be used to build or upgrade permanent facilities to store commodities. A few eligible commodities include corn, grain sorghum, oats, wheat, barley, minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain, pulse crops (lentils, chickpeas and dry peas), hay, honey, renewable biomass, fruits, nuts and vegetables for cold storage facilities, floriculture, hops, maple sap, rye, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, meat and poultry (unprocessed), eggs, and aquaculture (excluding systems that maintain live animals through uptake and discharge of water). Qualified facilities include grain bins, hay barns and cold storage facilities for eligible commodities.

Loans up to \$50,000 can be secured by a promissory note/security agreement and some loans between \$50,000 and \$100,000 will no longer require additional security.

Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply. The loans are designed to assist a diverse range of farming operations, including small and mid-sized businesses, new farmers, operations supplying local food and farmers markets, non-traditional farm products, and underserved producers.

To learn more about the FSA Farm Storage Facility Loan, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport) or contact your local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## **2016 County Committee Election**

This year county committee elections are for LAA #3 Washakie County - everything in the Nowood River drainage; and LAA #4 Hot Springs County - everything west of the Big Horn River that does not get irrigation water from the river.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 7<sup>th</sup> with voting instructions included with the ballot. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to receive postmarked ballots or ballots delivered directly to the county office. Ballots will be counted at the Worland Service Center on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

## **NRCS Announces FY2017 Sign-Up for Environmental Quality Incentives and Agricultural Management Assistance Programs**

NRCS Field Offices are currently accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program. All signed applications on file as of **October 21, 2016** will be considered for funding in FY2017.

The EQIP and AMA programs treat a wide variety of resource concerns such as water quality, inadequate fish and wildlife habitat, inefficient use of irrigation water, wind and water erosion concerns and residue management. An early signup date for FY2017 has been announced to allow NRCS Field Offices to complete on-site field visits and resource inventories this fall.

Please come in to your local NRCS office for an application if you are interested in assistance with conservation programs for FY2017. Or call Washakie County Field Office at 307-347-2456 or Hot Spring County Field Office at 307-864-3488 and we can e-mail or mail you an application. Remember the deadline is **October 21, 2016**.

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# ATTENTION: Washakie County Livestock Producers

<b>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:</b>	
Crop reports - perennial & fall seeded crops including forage	November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
County Committee ballots counted at Worland Service Center	December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
Washakie County Livestock Producers sign up for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program	Last day - January 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Notice of Loss for LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program) Notice of Loss for ELAP (Emergency Livestock Assistance Program)	30 days from the date the loss became apparent or the date the loss of livestock became apparent
Apply for a Farm Storage Facility Loan or Apply for a Farm Loan	Anytime
<b>Office Hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you in a timely manner.</b>	<b>Selected Interest Rates for September 2016:</b> Farm Operating Loan – Direct - 2.125% Farm Ownership Loan – Direct - 3.125% Farm Ownership – Joint Financing – 2.50% <b>Farm Storage Facility Loans for September 2016:</b> Grain Bins – 7 year term - 1.375%

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