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Weston County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: December 7, 2016

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

2017 ACREAGE REPORTING

I would like to take this time to remind everyone of some very important dates that are fast approaching. 2017 acreage reports are due in the County Office no later than November 15th. Please call the county office as soon as possible to set up a time to get your crop report done. If you do not contact this county office to schedule an appointment before November 15th you may be subjected to paying a late filed fee for each farm you operate. It is mandatory to file acreage reports if you participate in FSA programs. Please call today.

2016 NAP NOTICES OF LOSS

If you are currently participating in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for grazing and have not completed a Notice of Loss please do so immediately. The County Committee is in the process of recommending to the State Committee grazing losses for Weston County. When confirmation is received from the State Committee, all eligible NAP participants who have filed a Notice of Loss on their grazed acres may be eligible for a payment.

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FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95% of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges 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 agricultural real estate, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt. To learn more, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.

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