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Fremont County FSA Updates

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Monthly Message From Your Local County Office

We have recently welcomed Julianna Eckley as a Program Technician to the Fremont County FSA Office. She has lived in Riverton, WY since 2008 and was originally from the Ukraine.

Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 please do not forget to send in your County Committee Election ballots. Ballots need to be postmarked by **December 2, 2019**. We received one nomination this year from our incumbent Jim Hellyer.

Marketing Facilitation Program (MFP), is still here and we will begin taking applications until Friday, **December 6, 2019**. This year the entire State of Wyoming's rate has been established at \$15.00 an acre. Currently the eligible crops grown here in Fremont County are alfalfa (60% or greater), corn, oats, barley, triticale, and beans. Please come see us ASAP if you have not signed up yet.

Agriculture Risk Program/Price Loss Coverage Program (ARC/PLC) 2019 has been released and we are currently taking signups.

County Operation

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Sydney Hoffman

Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for fall seeded crops and perennial forage application for coverage closes on **December 2, 2019**. The service fee for each crop has increased to **\$325**.

County Committee:

Jim Hellyer - Chairman
Stan Horton - Vice- Chairman
Will O'Neal - Member

If you filed a loss for crops due to a snowstorm and subsequent freeze you may be eligible for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+).

Next County Committee Meeting: December 5, 2019

Don't forget to turn in your livestock losses for the 2019 calendar year for Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Deadline for all paperwork and supporting document is **January 31, 2020**.

Office will be closed on:

- **Thanksgiving-Thursday, November 28, 2019**
- **Christmas-Wednesday, December 25, 2019**
- **New Years Day- Wednesday, January 1, 2020**
- **Martin Luther King Jr Day- Monday, January 20, 2020**

Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, disease 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 disease losses, FSA county committees can accept veterinarian certifications that livestock deaths were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good animal husbandry and management.

For 2019 livestock losses, eligible livestock owners must file a notice within 30 calendar days of when the loss is first apparent.

Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of grower's contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 2% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 4.3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions.

In addition to filing a notice of loss, producers must also submit an application for payment by March 1, 2020.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

Maintaining Good Credit History

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan programs require that applicants have a satisfactory credit history. A credit report is requested for all FSA direct farm loan applicants. These reports are reviewed to verify outstanding debts, if bills are paid timely and to determine the impact on cash flow.

Information found on a customer's credit report is strictly confidential and is used only as an aid in conducting FSA business.

Our farm loan staff will discuss options with you if you have an unfavorable credit report and will provide a copy of your report. If you dispute the accuracy of the information on the credit report, it is up to you to contact the issuing credit report company to resolve any errors or inaccuracies.

There are multiple ways to remedy an unfavorable credit score.

- Make sure to pay bills on time. Setting up automatic payments or automated reminders can be an effective way to remember payment due dates.
- Pay down existing debt.
- Keep your credit card balances low.
- Avoid suddenly opening or closing existing credit accounts.

FSA's farm loan staff will guide you through the process, which may require you to reapply for a loan after improving or correcting your credit report.

For more information on FSA farm loan programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Annie Bryce](#) at 307-856-7524 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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