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Sheridan~Johnson County FSA Updates

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Raymon Turk, Chairman
John Buyok, Vice Chairman
Thad Stoltz, Member
Ray Daly, Member
Gerry Miller, Member
Susan Moyes, SD Advisor

To our ranchers and farmers,

We are happy to announce our county committee member, Thad C. Stoltz was re-elected to serve for LAA 3 area on the Sheridan~Johnson County Committee.

~THANK YOU, THAD FOR SERVING THE PRODUCERS OF SHERIDAN AND JOHNSON COUNTIES~

I would also like to take this time to thank all the county committee and staff. They are dedicated to delivering the farm programs to our hard-working producers. The team effort has been exceptional!

- Raymon Turk, Chairman
- John Buyok, Vice-Chairman
- Thad Stoltz, Member
- Ray Daly, Member
- Gerry Miller, Member
- Staci Steiner, Program Technician
- Justine Scheeler, Program Technician

Next County Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

On a side note, the MFP (Market Facilitation Program) deadline has been extended through **Friday, December 20, 2019**. For more information about the MFP program, visit farmers.gov/MFP or contact your local FSA office.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Linda Benzel, CED

<https://www.usda.gov/tellsonny> Tell Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue about your experience with FSA or NRCS.~

Livestock Inventory Records

Producers are reminded to keep updated livestock inventory records. These records are necessary in the event of a natural disaster.

When disasters strike, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) can assist producers who suffered excessive livestock death losses and grazing or feed losses due to eligible natural disasters.

To participate in livestock disaster assistance programs, producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event and must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office ***within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent***. For grazing or feed losses, producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent and should maintain documentation and receipts.

Producers should record all pertinent information regarding livestock inventory records including:

- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
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For more information on documentation requirements, contact the Sheridan~Johnson County FSA office at (307) 683-4202.

Reminder to FSA Direct and Guaranteed Borrowers with Real Estate Security

Farm Service Agency would like to remind farm loan borrowers who have pledged real estate as security for their loans, of key items for maintaining loan collateral. It is required that borrowers must obtain prior consent, or approval, by either FSA, for direct loans, or by a guaranteed lender, for any transaction affecting real estate security. Examples of these transactions include, but are not limited to:

- Leases of any kind;
- Easements of any kind;
- Subordinations;
- Partial releases, and

- Sales

Failure to meet or follow the requirements set forth in the loan agreement, promissory note, and other security instruments could lead to nonmonetary default which could jeopardize your current and future loans.

It is critical that borrowers keep an open line of communication with their FSA loan staff or guaranteed lender when it comes to changes in their operation. For more information on borrower responsibilities, read [Your FSA Farm Loan Compass](#).

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Linda Benzel](#) at [307-683-4202](#) or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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