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## Campbell County FSA Updates

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**County Committee:**  
Chuck Tweedy, Chairman

### Message from the CED

The Campbell County FSA Committee invites producers to stop by the office to meet the new County Executive Director, Pam Smith. Pam replaces Susan Kramer who retired in 2018. With nearly five years of FSA managerial experience in the Eastern US and a diverse agricultural background, which includes small ruminants, beef and dairy cattle, agronomy, and hobby beekeeping, she looks forward to meeting area producers.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Jan. 20, 2020 – County Office Closed – Wyoming Equality Day/Martin Luther King Holiday**

**Jan. 31, 2020 – Deadline to apply for 2019 LDP on Wool**  
**February 17, 2020 – County Office Closed – President's Day Holiday**  
**February 28, 2020 – End of CRP signup**

#### 2019 Election Results

**Ballots were counted December 9th at the County Office. Jody Cheser was re-elected to a three-year term representing Local Administrative Area 1. Jody's term begins January 1, 2020. We would like to thank both the candidate and the voters for their time and willingness to participate in the election process.**

Travis Busenitz, Vice-Chairman  
Jody Cheser, Member

**Next County Committee Meeting:** Feb. 5 @1:00pm

## **2020 County Office Committee (COC) Organizational Meeting**

The COC Organizational meeting was held at the regular scheduled COC meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>. For calendar year 2020, Chuck Tweedy will serve as COC Chairperson, Travis Busenitz will be Vice-Chairperson, Jody Cheser, will be regular voting member on the Campbell County COC.

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## **2019 Loan Deficiency Payment Rate Available on Some Grades of Wool**

Wool producers in Campbell County may be eligible for loan deficiency payments (LDPs) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), which help producers under certain market conditions.

Marketing assistance loans (MALs) and LDPs are marketing tools available to producers beginning upon harvest or shearing.

Loan Deficiency payments on graded wool with a micron range over 29 and ungraded wool, are available for those producers who retained ownership as of October 9, 2019. Wool rates did not fall until this date. Graded wool with a micron range over 29 was \$.17 on Dec 25, 2019. The ungraded rate was \$.01 per pound on October 9, 2019 and has increased to \$.02 as of January 7, 2020. The deadline to apply for the 2019 wool LDP is **January 31, 2020**. If you retained ownership of your wool between these dates and would like to apply, please call our office.

Producers can check their daily LDP rates online at [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be considered eligible for an LDP, producers must have form [CCC-633EZ, Page 1](#) on file at their local FSA Office before losing beneficial interest in the crop. Pages 2, 3 or 4 of the form must be submitted when payment is requested. For a commodity to be eligible for an LDP, the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity, defined as having title, possession and control of the commodity, and responsible for loss of or damage to the commodity. All related application forms must be completed at the local FSA office prior to loss of beneficial interest. LDPs are no longer subject to payment limitations, actively engaged in farming and cash-rent tenant rules.

Other eligibility requirements may apply; contact your local FSA office for more information.

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## **Farm Loan Program**

### **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](#).

**Beginning Farmer Loans** FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size farm.
- Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center or contact Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager at (307)682-8843, Ext 2. You may also visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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