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## Campbell County FSA Updates

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### Direct Loans

FSA offers direct farm ownership and direct farm operating Loans to producers who want to establish, maintain or strengthen their farm or ranch. FSA loan officers process approve and service direct loans.

Direct farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other costs including family living expenses. Operating loans can also be used to finance minor improvements or repairs to buildings and to refinance some farm-related debts, excluding real estate.

Direct farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, enlarge an existing farm, construct and repair buildings, and to make farm improvements.

The maximum loan amount for direct farm ownership loans is \$600,000 and the maximum loan amount for direct operating loans is \$400,000 and a down payment is not required. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your local FSA office for more information or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan.

**Next County Committee Meeting:** March 4th @1:00pm

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
**February 28, 2020 – End of CRP signup**  
**March 15, 2020 – Deadline ARC/PLC 2019 Signup**  
**April 1, 2020 – Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on Spring crops**

**IMMEDIATELY -- File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops and/or livestock.**

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## Importance of Keeping your Records Current

Please contact your County FSA Office anytime you experience any changes in your mailing address, email address, phone numbers and/or banking information. Your notification to our office is the only way we know about these changes!

This also includes any ownership changes like sales or purchases of land, leases, changes in your operation such as going from an individual to an LLC, trust or corporation, members added or removed from your operation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

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## Livestock Indemnity Program - LIP

Program Requirements and Reporting info:

### 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 floods, blizzards, wildfires, lightening, 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. *Contact the County FSA Office for additional info on diseases covered under the program.*

**For 2020 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
- Producer must also provide documentation of adverse weather causing the livestock losses.

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 application for payment by March 1, 2021.

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

### **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 acceptable documentation of death losses or third party certifications for proof of death 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 becomes 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;
- Producer records of the adverse/unusual weather conditions.

For more information on documentation requirements, contact your local FSA office.

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Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Pamela S Smith](#) at [307-682-8843](tel:307-682-8843) extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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