

**Campbell County
Farm Service Agency:**

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Hours: 8am – 4:30pm M-F

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Chuck Tweedy, Chair
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Next Committee Meeting:
June 3, 2020 @1pm

Message From Your County Office

USDA Service Centers Open for Business by Phone Appointment Only

U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers are encouraging visitors to take precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Campbell County USDA Service Center will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call to schedule a phone appointment.

Farm Service Agency: (307) 682-8843 extension 2

Natural Resources Conservation Service: (307) 682-8843 extension 3

Employees may also be contacted by email at the following email address:

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Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the [Conservation Client Gateway](#). Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

For the most current updates on available services and Service Center status visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Enrollment for 2020

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk Loss (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. The deadline to enroll for the 2020 crop year is June 30, 2020. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs; and to ensure FSA meets your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process. Contact your FSA county office and make an appointment soon to ensure your elections are made and contracts signed well ahead of the deadline.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities in Campbell County: barley, corn, oats and wheat.

Farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. If the owner accompanies the producer to the office, the yield update and enrollments may be completed during the same office visit.

ment 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 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

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, 2021.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at: 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 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;

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

Future mailings and emails

If you do not wish to receive future printed newsletters, please contact the office noted on

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Service Agency

2020 Customer Calendar

www.farmers
www.fsa.usda.gov
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Farm Service Agency - Wyoming State

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Days USDA Offices Are Closed

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Holiday
- Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 17 - President's Birthday
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday

Important Links

Farmers.gov - <https://www.farmers.gov/>
FSA Fence Post - <http://fsa.blogg.govdelivery.com/>
USDA Blogs - <http://blogs.usda.gov/>

Questions?

Contact your local FSA office.
A directory of USDA Service Centers can
online at offices.usda.gov

GovDelivery Email & SMS Text L

Contact your local FSA office ask how
receive important FSA updates and news
email and SMS text subscriptions

Have you moved?

Changed bank accounts?
Contact your local FSA to update your

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LIP:

- Within 30 days of noticing Livestock loss or injury – Submit Notice of Loss
- Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss or injury occurred – Submit Application for Payment

ELAP:

- Within 30 days of livestock feed or pasture losses/issues due to extreme weather – Submit Notice of Loss
 - Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss occurred – Submit Application for Payment
- MAL/LDP Availability (from harvest to the below deadline):**
- January 31 - Wool, Mohair and LDP only for Unshorn Pelts
 - March 31 - Barley, Canola, Flaxseed, Honey, Oats, Rape-seed, Sesame seed and Wheat
 - May 31 - Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower, Small chickpeas, Large chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed

NAP:

- December 1 – All perennial grasses, alfalfa, clover, mixed forage, and honey
- March 15 – Hemp
- April 1 – All spring seeded crops
- Within 15 days of crop loss – Submit Notice of Loss
- November 15 (varies by crop) – Final day to submit Application for Payment

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Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)
Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)
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ency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and
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eligibility/requirements are required for both Farm
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Deadlines - (dates below are subject to change) *Contact your local office for more information or to make an ap-*

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- Soybeans, corn, and other spring-planted feed grains; CRP, Hemp, and other perennial hay crops
- Apiculture (bees), fall-seeded small grains
- Signup:** December 9 through February 28
- CRP Signup:** August 21
- nd:** March 16 to May 15

– Final date to report production for the preceding crop year
0 – Election and enrollment end for crop year 2020
r of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment begin for the applicable year
15 of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment end for the applicable year

30 days after the end of the year in which the grazing loss occurred – submit Application for Payment and supporting
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USDA's Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands Signup

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands signup. The signup runs through May 15.

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow or harvest for seed production. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and pre-dominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside 2 million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conservation programs at USDA. CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

For more information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 15, 2020 – Deadline for CRP Grassland signup

May 25, 2020 – County Office closed – Memorial Day Holiday

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