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## Campbell County FSA Updates

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### Message from the CED

#### **New COC representative for LAA#3 to be elected**

The Campbell County Office Staff would like to thank Chuck Tweedy for all of his dedication, hard work and input over the past 9 years as a valued member of the County Office Committee. Mr. Tweedy also served several years as an alternate prior to the past 9 years. Thanks again, Chuck, for all your help over the years!

Chuck Tweedy, will complete his third consecutive 3-year term on December 31, 2020, as COC representative for the LAA#3 (Local Administrative Area #3). COC members are limited to serving a maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms. LAA#3 is that area of Campbell County south of Inter-State Highway I-90.

Producers in LAA#3 have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to nominate themselves or someone else who operates in LAA#3 to participate in the COC Election to be held in early December 2020.

Please contact the Campbell County FSA Office if you or someone you know is interested in serving as a committee member.

**County Committee:**

Chuck Tweedy, Chairman  
Travis Busenitz, Vice-Chair  
Jody Cheser, Member

**Next County Committee**

**Meeting:** Aug. 5 @1:00pm

All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by **Aug. 1, 2020 (or next business day)**. For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: *Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member* available online at: [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 1, 2020 – Last day to nominate candidate for LAA3 COC Election**

**August 28, 2020 – Deadline for CFAP Applications**

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

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## Farmers and Ranchers in Wyoming Can Now Apply for Financial Assistance through USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

### *Online Tools and Toll-Free Number Available to Assist Producers*

Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. The application and a payment calculator are now available online, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff members are available via phone, fax and scheduled office visits to help producers complete applications. The agency set up a call center (877-508-8364) in order to simplify how they serve new customers across the nation.

Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion for vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

We also want to remind producers that the program is structured to ensure the availability of funding for all eligible producers who apply.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments.

### **Applying for Assistance**

Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print off a pre-filled CFAP application, sign, and submit to your

local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred method. Find contact information for your local office at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap).

Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested after the application is filed. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.

#### **More Information**

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap) or call 877-508-8364.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone and scheduled office visits only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are **urged to call their Service Center to schedule an appointment**. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](https://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

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## **2020 NAP Reporting of Losses and Production**

### **Report Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Losses**

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes, flood, excessive heat and qualifying drought (includes native grass for grazing), among others.

Eligible producers must have purchased NAP coverage for 2020 crops. A notice of loss must be filed the earlier of 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent or 15 days of the final harvest date.

Eligible crops must be commercially produced agricultural commodities for which crop insurance is not available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops and small grains for hay in Campbell County

For more information on NAP, contact your local FSA office or visit [fsa.usda.gov/nap](https://fsa.usda.gov/nap).

### **Reporting 2020 Production of NAP Crops**

As soon as harvest is completed you need to call for an appointment to report your 2020 NAP crop production. Producers were provided maps of your fields to record your production on. Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding production reporting.

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## **USDA Offers Targeted Farm Loan Funding for Underserved Groups and Beginning Farmers**

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their

individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program provides for two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans. In addition to customary farm operating and ownership loans, FSA now offers Microloans through the direct loan program. The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations. Microloans are available for both ownership and operating finance needs. To learn more about microloans, visit [fsa.usda.gov/microloans](https://fsa.usda.gov/microloans).

To qualify as a beginning producer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and targeted underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, visit [fsa.usda.gov/farmloans](https://fsa.usda.gov/farmloans).

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