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## Campbell County FSA Updates

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### Message from the CED:

#### Disaster Assistance for 2020 Livestock Forage Losses

Producers in Campbell County are eligible to apply for 2020 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on small grains and forage sorghum planted for grazing, native pasture, and improved pasture.

LFP provides compensation if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the National Office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire. You must complete a CCC-853 and submit the required supporting documentation no later than February 1, 2021, for 2020 losses.

Travis Busenitz, Vice-Chair  
Jody Cheser, Member

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

#### Next County Committee

Meeting: Sept. 2 @ 1:00pm

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sept. 7, 2020 – County Office closed – Labor Day Holiday**

**Sept. 11, 2020 – Extended CFAP signup deadline**

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

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## CFAP Program Changes and Signup Deadline Extended

It was announced in an official news release on August 11, 2020, that additional crops/commodities would be eligible for the Corona Virus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). Of note to Campbell County producers was the inclusion of “all sheep”, prior to this change, only sheep under 2 years of age had been eligible.

Also announced in the same news release, was the fact that the CFAP applicants will receive 100% of their eligible calculated payment. The additional 20% payments were disbursed last week.

The deadline to apply for benefits under the Corona Virus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) has been extended to September 11, 2020.

Producers with sheep should call their local FSA office to set up an appointment to amend their application so they may receive payment on the livestock not reported earlier.

The entire news release can be viewed at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap). If you have any questions, please contact your local FSA Office.

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## Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, banking information, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office.

***Particularly Important: You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. Updated leases should be provided to the FSA office to keep your records current, thereby avoiding potential loss of program benefits.***

FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their *Farm Operating Plan* on form CCC-902.

To update your records, contact your Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 #2.

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## FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) [Direct Farm Ownership loans](#) can help farmers and ranchers become owner-operators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

There are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment and joint financing. FSA also offers a [Direct Farm Ownership Microloan](#) option for smaller financial needs up to \$50,000.

Joint financing allows FSA to provide more farmers and ranchers with access to capital. FSA lends up to 50 percent of the total amount financed. A commercial lender, a State program or the seller of the property being purchased, provides the balance of loan funds, with or without an FSA guarantee. The maximum loan amount for a joint financing loan is \$600,000, and the repayment period for the loan is up to 40 years.

The operation must be an eligible farm enterprise. Farm Ownership loan funds cannot be used to finance nonfarm enterprises and all applicants must be able to meet general eligibility requirements. Loan applicants are also required to have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least three years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. The applicant must show documentation that their participation in the business operation of the farm or ranch was not solely as a laborer.

For more information about farm loans, contact Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager at 307-682-8843 Ext 2 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

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