

September



**Campbell County
Farm Service Agency:**

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Hours: 8am –4:30pm M-F

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County Committee:
Chuck Tweedy, Chair
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Jody Cheser, Member

Next Committee Meeting:
Oct. 7, 2020 @1pm

Message From Your CED

USDA to Provide Additional Direct Assistance to Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by the Coronavirus

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is implementing Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) to compensate agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

The Campbell County FSA office will accept CFAP 2 applications through December 11, 2020. Please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we provide the safest and most professional service possible.

USDA will use up to an additional \$14 billion being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities.

USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based from stakeholder engagement and public feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

Furthermore, a call center will be available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. To find the latest information visit farmers.gov/CFAP.

The Campbell County FSA office will also be providing more information on CFAP 2 in upcoming Bulletins and Newsletters. We will keep you posted!

Drought Disaster Assistance for 2020 Livestock Forage Losses (LFP)

Producers in Campbell County are eligible to apply for 2020 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on the following crops reported as intended use for grazing: native and improved pasture, small grains and forage sorghum.

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 the required supporting documentation no later than **February 1, 2021**, for 2020 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 ext.2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Report Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Losses

NAP provides financial assistance to you for crops that aren't eligible for crop insurance to protect against lower yields or crops unable to be planted 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.

To receive payment, you had to purchase NAP coverage for 2020 crops and file a notice of loss 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.

For more information on NAP, contact your Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 ext.2 or visit

fsa.usda.gov/nap.

Campbell County Producers Urged to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage Before Crop Sales Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages you to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of **December 1**.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available.

The following crops in Campbell County have a NAP application deadline of **December 1, 2020**: native grazing, winter wheat intended for hay, perennial grass hay and perennial grass/improved pasture intended for graze.

You can determine if crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP by [visiting the RMA website](#).

NAP offers higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Producers of organics and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the "buy-up" option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of **\$325** per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Beginning, underserved and limited resource farmers are now eligible for free catastrophic level coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at [USDA's online Agent Locator](#). You can use the [USDA Cost Estimator](#) to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, sales deadlines, contact your Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 ext.2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found, you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops.

Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!

You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

2020 Fall Acreage Reporting Deadline November 16th

Please call for an appointment to file your fall acreage report. Producers planting fall crops will need to wait until fall planting is finished to complete their acreage reports.

The deadline to submit 2020 fall acreage reports is November 16, 2020.

Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding acreage reporting.

Also of note: If you harvest a crop and replant to another crop after the reporting deadline, you have 15 days after the plant date to report the new crop.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement please contact the county office.

Keeping Your Records Current

Keeping your records current in our office is vital. Incorrect records can potentially cause loss of or reduced program benefits or a delay in receiving said benefits.

Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, bank and/or account number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office.

You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. Current farm records are the backbone of many of our programs.

New or updated leases and/or purchases and sales of agricultural property should be reported to our office within 30 days of the changes taking effect, so that updates can be made timely to acreage reports.

Changes not reported within 30 days may be considered late-filed and there may be a fee to file updates to acreage reports.

Report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

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 ext.2.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 7, 2020 – COC Meeting @1:00pm

Oct. 12, 2020 – County Office closed – Columbus Day Holiday

Nov. 16, 2020 – Fall Seeded Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline

Nov. 26, 2020 – County Office closed – Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec. 1 2020 - Deadline to purchase 2021 NAP coverage.

Dec. 11, 2020 – CFAP-2 signup deadline

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

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).