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Carbon/Albany County FSA Updates

Carbon/Albany County Farm Service Agency **Message from the CED**

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We have survived summer and are now stepping into fall!

Our office is open to scheduled appointments, provided you do not feel ill, been exposed to COVID, or have any symptoms. Please call the office to make an appointment to complete any FSA business if you want to meet in person. We are also still accepting applications by phone, fax, email and US Postal Service.

I would like to remind everyone interested in purchasing Non-Insurable Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on your grass for grazing and/or hay for 2021, we are now accepting those applications and payments. Catastrophic level policies are available for \$325 per crop type. We do also offer buy-up coverage on the hay. Please contact the office for more information. **The deadline to purchase 2021 coverage is December 1, 2020.**

Carbon and Albany counties have both been declared a D3 (Extreme Drought) level on the US Drought Monitor. This now makes us eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and water hauling under the

Next County Committee Meeting:
October 21, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP). There is more information about both of these programs further in the newsletter.

We are accepting applications to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2(CFAP2). This program provides direct financial assistance to those whose operations have been negatively impacted by the global pandemic. Commodities that are most likely to be eligible for this program in our county are cattle, sheep, hogs, goats and bison sold for meat, wool, honey, all barley and alfalfa hay. Breeding livestock are not eligible. **The application deadline is December 11, 2020.** If you haven't already spoken to us about this program, please call our office to find out if your operation could benefit from it. You also can learn more by visiting the farmers.gov/cfap website.

Upcoming dates to remember:

15 days after becoming apparent – file your Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) Notice of Loss

October 12- Office closed for Columbus Day holiday

October 15- Final deadline to file NAP Notice of Loss on grazing

October 30- Final deadline to file NAP Notice of Loss on hay

December 1, 2020- Deadline to obtain 2021 NAP coverage on perennial hays, grazing and honey.

Apply for Livestock Forage Losses

Producers in Carbon and Albany Counties are eligible to apply for 2020 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on 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 the required supporting documentation no later than Jan. 30, 2021, for 2020 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact your Carbon/Albany County USDA Service Center at 307-326-5657 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

ELAP Covers Losses from Additional Cost of Transporting Water to Livestock

If you've incurred additional operating costs for transporting water to livestock due to an eligible drought, assistance may be available to you through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

An eligible drought means that part or all of your county is designated D3 (extreme drought) or higher as indicated by the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#).

Eligible livestock must be adult or non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo and beefalo, as well as alpacas, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, reindeer, or sheep. Additionally, the livestock must have been owned 60 calendar days prior to the beginning of the drought and be physically located in the county designated as a disaster area due to drought. Adequate livestock watering systems or facilities must have existed before the drought occurred and producers are only eligible if they do not normally transport water to the livestock.

Livestock that were or would have been in a feedlot are not eligible for transporting water. ELAP covers the additional cost of transporting water and does not cover the cost of the water itself.

You must file a notice of loss on form CCC-851 the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent to you or by Jan. 30, 2020. Additionally, the deadline to submit an application for payment for 2020 ELAP assistance is Jan. 30, 2021.

You'll have to provide documentation to FSA that shows the method used to transport the water, the number of gallons of water transported and the number of eligible livestock to which water was transported.

To make an appointment to sign up for ELAP and to learn more about eligibility, application and documentation requirements, contact your Carbon/Albany County USDA Service Center at 307-326-5657 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.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Sheryl Hunter at 307-326-5657 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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