

**March  
2020**



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**Next Committee Meeting:**

May 19, 2020, 9:00 A.M., at  
the Sundance USDA Service  
Center

## Message From Your County Office

Hi, everyone!

Since this is the first paper newsletter that I have had the privilege to send, and I know that there are still many of you that I haven't had the opportunity to meet, I am going start by introducing myself. My name is Sarah Hanlon, and I have been the County Executive Director, at the Crook County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office since September of 2018. If we haven't met yet, please come by the office and say hi!

I will only be able to briefly mention most items in this newsletter. If you need more information on any program, or deadline mentioned, please call or stop by the office.

As a basic suggestion, if you have anything happen to land, livestock, or crops, please call us! We cannot help if we do not know about it. Most programs have either a 15 day or 30 day limit to report losses. Letting us know timely, even for minor losses, is a very important first step.

**ARC/PLC:** This deadline will be mentioned multiple times. This is the "Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage." Many of you have received letters, postcards, and phone calls from us and the national office. We are being persistent, but we are trying to make sure you do not miss this deadline. If you haven't been to see us this spring, call us today for an appointment. The **deadline** to complete the **2019 enrollment is Monday, March 16, 2020.** The deadline for 2020 enrollment is June 30, 2020.

## Upcoming Events

**March 19, 2020, @ 2:00 P.M.—Livestock Producer Workshop**

Location: W Bar Feed and Ranch Supply, 1519 Highway 24, Hulett

**April 8, 2020, @ 2:00 P.M.—Wednesday Workshop: Livestock Losses and Wool LDP**

Location: Sundance State Bank Meeting Room, 207 N. 2nd St., Sundance

**July 8, 2020, @ 6:00 P.M.—Wednesday Workshop: Acreage Reporting, New Programs, and COC Elections**

Location: Sundance State Bank Meeting Room, 207 N. 2nd St., Sundance

## Do you receive our emails?

As you can tell, paper newsletters are getting much more rare, and will likely not always be available. We do send updates every month via GovDelivery emails. If you are not receiving these emails, please call the office, so we can correct your information and keep you updated. You can also visit:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USFSA/subscriber/new?preferences=true>  
to update your email and subscription preferences.

## Do you receive our texts?

The other way to receive notifications for immediate deadlines is via text notification. These will only be sent for the counties you enroll in, none from national or state offices. We send no more than 2 per month.

To start receiving these notifications, text:

**WYCROOK to 372669 (FSANOW)**

## Livestock Records and Livestock Losses

Producers are reminded to keep updated livestock inventory records. These records are necessary in the event of a natural disaster. This can include extreme and damaging weather events such as blizzards, winter storms, extreme cold, lightening, flooding, etc. 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, as well as honeybee related losses, producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 15 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
- Documentation relating to the weather event or conditions

For more information on documentation requirements, contact the Crook County FSA Office!

## Update Your Records

FSA is always working to clean up our producer records, but we need your help! If you have any unreported changes of:

- Name change, address, phone number, email, bank account, or other information
- New LLC, Inc, Trust, or changes to entity members or shares
- New leases, renewed leases, terminated leases, land purchases, or land sales

Please let us know as soon as possible. Incorrect information can result in ineligibility and lost benefits. It also prevents us from being able to contact you with important information or questions.

# IMPORTANT DATES!!

March 16, 2020—2019 ARC/PLC Enrollment Deadline

March 19, 2020, 2:00 PM—Producer Workshop, W Bar Feed and Ranch Supply,  
1519 Highway 24, Hulett

April 1, 2020— NAP Coverage Deadline for Spring Planted Crops

April 8, 2020, 2:00 PM —Wednesday Workshop, SSB Meeting Room,  
207 N 2nd St., Sundance

June 30, 2020—2020 ARC/PLC Enrollment Deadline

July 8, 2020, 6:00 PM—Wednesday Workshop, SSB Meeting Room,  
207 N 2nd St., Sundance

July 15, 2020—Acreage Reporting Deadline for 2020 Spring Planted Crops and  
Perennial Hay and Grazing, ALSO Production Reporting Deadline for 2019 Crops

## USDA Safety Net Program Enrollment for 2019 and 2020

Agricultural producers now can enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs – two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety net programs – for the 2019 and 2020 crop year.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized and updated both programs.

**Signup for the 2019 crop year closes March 16, 2020, while signup for the 2020 crop year closes June 30, 2020.** Producers who have not yet enrolled for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office.

ARC and PLC have options for the farm operator who is actively farming the land as well as the owner of the land. Farm owners also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields beginning with crop year 2020. Covered commodities include barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, dry peas, and wheat.

## Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, or to refinance debt. Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,776,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years. Please contact your lender or local FSA farm loan office for more information on guaranteed loans.

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### **Remember!**

- March 16, 2020 - 2019 ARC/PLC Signup Deadline
- April 1, 2020 - 2020 NAP Deadline for Spring Planted Crops
- June 30, 2020—2020 ARC/PLC Signup Deadline
- July 15, 2020—2020 Spring Planted Crop Reporting Deadline and 2019 NAP Production Due
- Report livestock and crop losses to the office ASAP!

The Crook County FSA Office is open from 8:00 AM—4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Please call 307-283-2870, extension 2, with any questions or to schedule an appointment, or email [sarah.hanlon@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.hanlon@usda.gov).

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