Message From Your County Office:

USDA Service Centers Open for Business by Phone Appointment Only

U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers are encouraging visitors to take proactive protective measures to help prevent the spread of Corona-virus.

USDA Service Centers in Wyoming will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using Online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. In the event a Service Center is closed, producers can receive assistance from the closest alternate Service Center by phone.

Producers can find Service Center phone numbers at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

FPAC agencies continue to look at the flexibilities to deliver programs on behalf of producers, just as they have in past situations, such as natural disasters. Farmers and ranchers are resilient and FPAC agencies will continue to deliver the farm safety net programs and resource conservation programs that keep American agriculture in business today and long into the future.

Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the Conservation Client Gateway. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

For the most current updates on available services and Service Center status visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.
Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands (CRP-G)

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands sign-up. The sign-up runs through May 15.

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and predominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside 2 million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conservation programs at USDA. CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

CASPER, Wyoming, March 5, 2020 – Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands sign-up beginning March 16. The sign-up runs through May 15.

“Through this CRP Grasslands sign-up, farmers and ranchers can protect grasslands, rangelands and pastures, while maintaining the land as working grazing lands,” said State Executive Director Lois Van MARK. “The program emphasizes support for grazing operations and plant and animal biodiversity, while protecting land under the greatest threat of conversion or development.”

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For more information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp.

2020 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline. Acreage reporting dates vary by crop and by county so please contact your local FSA office for a list of county-specific deadlines.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates: If the crop has not been planted by the applicable acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the applicable acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendars days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th. Non insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the applicable dates or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact your local FSA office.
Stay Connected with USDA:

- Contact your local FSA office to update your records.
- Changed bank accounts?

Questions?

A directory of USDA Service Centers can be found online at offices.usda.gov.

More links:
- USDA Blogs: https://blogs.usda.gov/
- FSA Fencepost: https://fsa.blogs.govdelivery.com/
- Farmers.gov: https://www.farmers.gov/

Important Links

- Days USDA Offices Are Closed

2020 Customer Calendar

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Farm Programs

- Programs and Farm Loans
- Youth Loans
- Rural Development
- Conservation
- Disaster Assistance
- Assistance
- Marketing
- Price Support
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- Continuous CRP
- FSA Fencepost:https://fsa.blogs.govdelivery.com/
- Farmers.gov:https://www.farmers.gov/

Questions?

- Contact your local FSA office.

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511 W. 2nd St., Cheyenne, WY 82001
907-265-2031

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**WHAT’S AROUND THE CORNER**

- **June 30** – 2020 ARC/PLC election and enrollment deadline
- **July 15** – 2020 Acreage reporting deadline
- **September 30** – ARC/PLC Yield update deadline
- **Immediately** – Weather and loss conditions, including livestock losses
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)

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