NEWSLETTER

2020 Third Quarter

Fremont County FSA

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Brian Harrell

Farm Loan Officer:
Mercedes Jauregui

County Committee:
Jim Hellyer
Stan Horton
Will O'Neal

Next Committee Meeting: - to be determined.

Farm Program Deadlines:

July 15th, 2020 - Acreage Reporting

August 28, 2020 - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

The Fremont County USDA Service Center is now open for in-office visits by appointment only. Call to make an appointment:

FSA: (307) 856-7524

Things You Should Know About Your Appointment:

- When you call for an appointment, you will be screened for recent health concerns and recent travel.
- Our office doors will remain locked and you will be allowed entry at your scheduled appointment time.
- You may be asked to wear a face covering during your appointment and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Information Regarding USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program:

- May 26 to Aug. 28, Farm Service Agency is accepting applications from agricultural producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19.
- In addition to in-person appointments, FSA will be working with agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools to process applications.
- Visit farmers.gov/cfap for program information including eligible crops, payment rates, and Frequently Asked Questions, or call 877-508-8364 for assistance.

Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database. If you have any unreported changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file they need to be reported to our office. Changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase, need to be reported to our office as well. Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan.

If you have any updates or corrections, please call your local FSA office to update your records.

Nominations Open for the 2020 County Committee Elections

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Fremont County Committee election nomination process.

FSA's county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a three-year term. One-third of the seats on these committees are open for election each year.

County committees may have an appointed advisor to further represent the local interests of underserved farmers and ranchers. Underserved producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and landowners and/or operators who have limited resources.

All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by Aug. 1, 2020 (or next business day). For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member available online at: fsa.usda.gov/ elections.

Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, disease and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For disease losses, FSA county committees can accept veterinarian certifications that livestock deaths were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good animal husbandry and management.

For 2020 livestock losses, eligible livestock owners must file a notice within 30 calendar days of when the loss is first apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of grower's contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 250 pounds) = 3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions.

In addition to filing a notice of loss, producers must also submit an application for payment by March 1, 2021.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact your local FSA office.

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2020 Customer Calendar

www.usda.gov
www.farmers.gov
www.fsa.usda.gov
www.fsa.usda.gov/wy

Farm Programs

- Agricultural Risk & Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC)
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)
- Commodity Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (WHIP)

Farm Loans—No Application Deadlines

- Beginning Farmer & Rancher Loans
- Emergency Loans (Time Sensitive)
- Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)
- EZ Guarantee and Microloans
- SDA (Women/Minority) Farmer & Rancher Loans
- Youth Loans

- Various eligibility requirements are required for both Farm programs and Farm loans

Farm Program Deadlines - (dates below are subject to change) *Contact your local office for more information or to make an appointment.*

****Acreage Reports**:

- July 15 – Soybeans, corn, and other spring-planted feed grains, CRP, Hemp, and other crops
- November 15 – Apiculture (bees), fall -seeded small grains

CRP General Signup: December 9 through February 28

***Continuous CRP Signup:** August 21

***CRP Grasslands:** March 16 to May 15

***ARC/PLC:**

- July 15 – Final date to report production for the preceding crop year
- June 30 – Election and enrollment end for crop year 2020
- October of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment begin for the applicable year
- March 15 of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment end for the applicable year

****LFP:**

- Within 30 days after the end of the year in which the grazing loss occurred – submit Application for Payment and supporting documentation

****LIP:**

- Within 30 days of noticing Livestock loss or injury – Submit Notice of Loss
- Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss or injury occurred– Submit Application for Payment

****ELAP:**

- Within 30 days of livestock feed or pasture losses/issues due to extreme weather – Submit Notice of Loss
- Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss occurred– Submit Application for Payment

MAL/LDP Availability (from harvest to the below deadline):

- January 31 - Wool, Mohair and LDP only for Unshorn Pelts
- March 31 - Barley, Canola, Flaxseed, Honey, Oats, Rapeseed, Sesame seed and Wheat
- May 31 - Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower, Small chickpeas, Large chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed

****NAP:**

- December 1 – All perennial grasses, alfalfa, clover, mixed forage, and honey
- March 15 – Hemp
- April 1 – All spring seeded crops
- Within 15 days of crop loss – Submit Notice of Loss
- November 15 (varies by crop) – Final day to submit Application for Payment

Farm Service Agency - Wyoming State Office

951 Werner Court, Suite 130
Casper, Wyoming 82601 PH: 307-261-5231

Days USDA Offices Are Closed

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Holiday
Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 17 - President's Birthday
May 25 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day
Sept. 7- Labor Day
Oct. 12- Columbus Day
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday

Important Links

Farmers.gov - https://www.farmers.gov/
FSA FencePost - http://fsa.blogs.govdelivery.com/
USDA Blogs - http://blogs.usda.gov/

Questions?

Contact your local FSA office.
A directory of USDA Service Centers can be found online at **offices.usda.gov**

GovDelivery Email & SMS Text Updates

Contact your local FSA office ask how you can receive important FSA updates and reminders by email and SMS text subscriptions.

Have you moved? Changed bank accounts?

Contact your local FSA to update your records.

Stay Connected with USDA:

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July 15, 2020 – 2020 Acreage reporting deadline
August 28, 2020 - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)
September 30, 2020 – 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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