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Goshen County FSA Updates

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CED Comments & Upcoming Deadlines- Livestock Producers- This is an Important One!

The rumors you have been hearing are true- the drought monitor now has us listed in a D3 drought, triggering the eligibility for Goshen County for the Livestock Forage Program (LFP). **Sign-Up for LFP will be by appointment only. We will be holding the following producer meetings to explain the program, hand out LFP intake forms, list what producers need to bring to their appointment, and scheduling appointments.** Please help us help you, by coming to your appointment with the paperwork requested, including livestock documentation, maps, and any leases. Appointments will begin after the October 1st rollover. Please see the article below for more information on the program.

LFP & CFAP 2.0 Producer Meetings

Monday Sept. 28- Lingle Community Center 2-4 PM - *Limited to 50 Attendees*

Tuesday Sept. 29- LaGrange Community Building 2-4 PM

Wednesday Sept. 30- Torrington Service Center Parking Lot 2-4 PM

Lon Eisenbarth
Dixie Roth
David Unverzagt

Next County Committee Meeting: October 8, 2020

Thursday Oct. 1- Yoder Community Building- 2-4 PM
Friday Oct 2- Torrington Service Center Parking Lot 10AM-12PM

Please bring a chair to each meeting. Chairs will not be provided due to COVID precautions.

Speaking of the October 1st rollover- On October 1st we officially launch into Fiscal Year 2021, and thereby start looking at crop year 2021. Also with the new fiscal year, comes the payments for CRP and potential payments for ARC/PLC. Please be patient as we get these paid in the first few weeks of October. As soon as we have it, you'll have it.

Upcoming Deadlines/Important Dates

September 30, 2020- PLC Yield Update Deadline
October 1, 2020- Fiscal Year Rollover
October 12, 2020- Columbus Day- Office Closed
November 11- Veteran's Day- Office Closed

Disaster Assistance for 2020 Livestock Forage Losses

Producers in Goshen County 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 January 30, 2021, for 2020 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the Goshen County USDA Service Center at 307-532-4880 x2 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](https://www.drought.gov).

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 Goshen County USDA Service Center at 307-532-4880 x2 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 Courtney Yelton at 307-532-4880 x2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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