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Laramie County FSA Updates

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Laramie County Comments

Happy March Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers!

ARC/PLC sign up for 2019 ends March 16th. Please contact the office ASAP, if you have not signed up! 2020 contract sign up will end June 30th.

NAP signup deadline for Hemp is March 16th. The deadline for all other spring crop NAP will be April 1st. Surrounding counties NAP deadlines vary, so please check in with all counties you have farms in. Please see below article for more information.

If you lose livestock due to a natural disaster; we may be able to help through our LIP program. Please contact the office within 30 days of the incident to report losses. Please note that we will also require records including, but not limited to; proof of death, beginning and ending inventory, and documentation of type and weight range.

March 16th will also mark the ability for producers to apply for the CRPG (Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands) program. Application will be taken through May 15th. Please call the office for more information or to make an appointment to apply.

Please note that March 31st is the last day to take a Marketing Assistance Loan on 2019 Wheat, and May 31st for Corn and other 2019 Spring crop covered commodities.

Next County Committee Meeting:

March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th; wear green!

March 24th is national AG day; thank you for everything you do-every day!

USDA Encourages Producers to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage Before Crop Sales Deadlines

The Farm Service Agency encourages producers to examine available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the applicable crop sales deadline.

Producers are reminded that crops not covered by insurance may be eligible for NAP. Beginning, underserved and limited resource farmers are now eligible for free catastrophic level coverage.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

Producers can determine if crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP by visiting <https://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/ActuarialInformationBrowser2018/CropCriteria.aspx>.

The 2018 Farm Bill reinstates higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price. Producers of organics and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the "buy-up" option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Deadlines for coverage vary by state and crop. To learn more about NAP visit www.fsa.usda.gov/nap or contact your local USDA Service Center. To find your local USDA Service Centers go to <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

Reminder to FSA Direct and Guaranteed Borrowers with Real Estate Security

Farm Service Agency would like to remind farm loan borrowers who have pledged real estate as security for their loans, of key items for maintaining loan collateral. It is required that borrowers must obtain prior consent, or approval, by either FSA, for direct loans, or by a guaranteed lender, for any transaction affecting real estate security. Examples of these transactions include, but are not limited to:

- Leases of any kind;
- Easements of any kind;
- Subordinations;
- Partial releases, and
- Sales

Failure to meet or follow the requirements set forth in the loan agreement, promissory note, and other security instruments could lead to nonmonetary default which could jeopardize your current and future loans.

It is critical that borrowers keep an open line of communication with their FSA loan staff or guaranteed lender when it comes to changes in their operation. For more information on borrower responsibilities, read [Your FSA Farm Loan Compass](#).

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Robin B. Hudson](#) at [307-772-2314](#) extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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