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Lincoln County FSA Updates

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County Office Message

Greetings, Lincoln County Producers! We hope you are staying safe and healthy during this time.

In light of the public health concern, we are continuing to serve our producers, albeit a little differently. Our office is no longer open to public visits. We will assist producers via telephone or email.

Sheep producers, please be aware that there is currently a \$0.02/pound Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) for ungraded wool right now and if your micron range tests 29 or higher, there is a \$0.22/pound payment. Please contact the office to sign the page 1 of form CCC-633EZ prior to loss of beneficial interest in your wool. For most of you, beneficial interest is lost at shearing. Once you have delivered your wool to market or have a weight, we can complete your LDP application for payment, if there is still a payment in effect.

Text WYLincoln to FSANOW (372669) to subscribe for text alerts from Lincoln County FSA for deadline reminders.

Important FSA Dates and Deadlines

- **April 1 - 2020 Spring NAP crop coverage deadline**
- **May 15 - Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands signup deadline**

Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

- **May 25 - Memorial Day Holiday, office closed**
- **July 15 - 2020 crop reporting deadline**

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 coronavirus.

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, 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.

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, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation 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.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Dee Harbach at 307-886-9001 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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