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Lincoln County FSA Updates

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County Office Message

Greetings Lincoln County farmers and ranchers! It has definitely been a hot and dry month. Please remember if you have a loss on your crops, you must report those losses to this office within 15 days of when the loss is apparent.

Next, the CFAP Application deadline was extended to September 11, 2020. To date, the Lincoln County office has obligated over \$2 million to Lincoln County producers through this program. Recently the program was amended to include all sheep, not just the lambs under the age of 2. If you submitted an application for lambs, please contact the office so we can include all ewes and rams. *The additional 20% of payments were approved earlier this month, and you should have seen them show up in your accounts.*

Upcoming Deadlines/Important Dates

September 7- Office Closed- Labor Day
September 11- CFAP Application Deadline
September 30- PLC Yield Update Deadline

Get the latest FSA News by signing up for text alerts! Producers can text **WYLincoln** to **FSANOW** (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from Lincoln County.

Next County Committee
Meeting: TBD

USDA Announces More Eligible Commodities for CFAP *Application Deadline Extended to Sept. 11, and Producers Who Have Approved Applications to Receive Final Payments.*

USDA announced today that **additional commodities** are covered by the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) in response to public comments and data. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline to apply for the program to **September 11th**, and producers with approved applications will receive their **final payment**.

The following additional commodities are now eligible for CFAP: **Non-Specialty Crops and Livestock** - liquid eggs, frozen eggs and all sheep. Only lambs and yearlings (sheep less than two years old) were previously eligible.

Producers Who Have Applied: To ensure availability of funding, producers with approved applications initially received 80 percent of their payments. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will automatically issue the remaining 20 percent of the calculated payment to eligible producers. Going forward, producers who apply for CFAP will receive 100 percent of their total payment, not to exceed the payment limit, when their applications are approved.

Applying for CFAP: Producers, especially those who have not worked with FSA previously, are recommended to call 877-508-8364 to begin the application process. An FSA staff member can help producers start their application during the phone call.

On farmers.gov/cfap, producers can:

- Download the AD-3114 application form and manually complete the form to submit to their local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically or by hand delivery to their local office or office drop box.
- Complete the application form using the CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.
- If producers have login credentials known as eAuthentication, they can use the online CFAP Application Portal to certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

FSA Offers Joint Financing Option on Direct Farm Ownership Loans

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) [Direct Farm Ownership loans](#) can help farmers and ranchers become owner-operators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

There are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment and joint financing. FSA also offers a [Direct Farm Ownership Microloan](#) option for smaller financial needs up to \$50,000.

Joint financing allows FSA to provide more farmers and ranchers with access to capital. FSA lends up to 50 percent of the total amount financed. A commercial lender, a State program or the seller of the property being purchased, provides the balance of loan funds, with or without an FSA guarantee. The maximum loan amount for a joint financing loan is \$600,000, and the repayment period for the loan is up to 40 years.

The operation must be an eligible farm enterprise. Farm Ownership loan funds cannot be used to finance nonfarm enterprises and all applicants must be able to meet general eligibility requirements. Loan applicants are also required to have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least three years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. The applicant must show documentation that their participation in the business operation of the farm or ranch was not solely as a laborer.

For more information about farm loans, contact Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager at 307-856-7524 Ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

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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