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Lincoln County FSA Updates

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County Office Message

Merry Christmas Lincoln County producers! Your local FSA staff would like nothing more than to continue working with you in person, however due to recent Covid statistics, our office is now back to restricting in-person visits to all Service Centers in Wyoming. Our staff is still available to assist via telephone, email, and mail. We also have a drop box outside our office door for your convenience in returning documents.

In exciting news, our office welcomed a new temporary Program Technician in November. Josey Carter is a student at BYU-Idaho in Rexburg, studying Accounting. She is assisting during her available time and has already become a great asset to our office.

DROUGHT- Lincoln County has qualified for LFP payments for 2020. This is based on physical location of the land, eligible livestock and general eligibility requirements such as having filed an annual crop report (CCC-578). Deadline to apply for LFP benefits is January 30, 2021. If you operate on eligible land and want to apply, please call the office to get on the list.

Upcoming Deadlines/Important Dates

December 11 - CFAP 2 Application Deadline
December 11 - DMC Application Deadline

Kim Clark
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December 25 - Christmas Day— Office Closed
January 1 - New Year's Day—Office Closed
January 30 - LFP Application Deadline

Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

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

Apply for Livestock Forage Losses

Producers in Lincoln County are eligible to apply for 2020 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on native pasture. Lincoln County qualifies for one month of payment (a payment equal to 60% of the monthly feed cost of the claimed eligible livestock).

LFP provides compensation to eligible producers that suffered grazing losses by covered livestock due to drought on privately owned, cash leased land or federally managed land.

Applying for LFP benefits requires a certified crop report on the eligible pasture, copies of applicable leases, and a certification of livestock that grazed or would normally have grazed eligible pasture in Lincoln County during 2020.

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 your Lincoln County USDA Service Center at 307-886-9001 ext 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Farmers.gov Feature Helps Producers Find Farm Loans that Fit Their Operation

Farmers and ranchers can use the *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* on farmers.gov to find information on USDA farm loans that may best fit their operations.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers a variety of loan options to help farmers finance their operations. From buying land to financing the purchase of equipment, FSA loans can help.

USDA conducted field research in eight states, gathering input from farmers and FSA farm loan staff to better understand their needs and challenges.

How the Tool Works

Farmers who are looking for financing options to operate a farm or buy land can answer a few simple questions about what they are looking to fund and how much money they need to borrow. After submitting their answers, farmers will receive information on farm loans that best fit their specific needs. The loan application and additional resources also will be provided.

Farmers can download application quick guides that outline what to expect from preparing an application to receiving a loan decision. There are four guides that cover loans to individuals,

entities, and youth, as well as information on microloans. The guides include general eligibility requirements and a list of required forms and documentation for each type of loan. These guides can help farmers prepare before their first USDA service center visit with a loan officer.

Farmers can access the *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* by visiting farmers.gov/fund and clicking the “Start” button. Follow the prompts and answer five simple questions to receive loan information that is applicable to your agricultural operation. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser, and is fully functional on mobile devices. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

About Farmers.gov

In 2018, USDA unveiled farmers.gov, a dynamic, mobile-friendly public website combined with an authenticated portal where farmers will be able to apply for programs, process transactions, and manage accounts.

The *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* is one of many resources on farmers.gov to help connect farmers to information that can help their operations. Earlier this year, USDA launched the *My Financial Information* feature, which enables farmers to view their loan information, history, payments, and alerts by logging into the website.

USDA is building farmers.gov for farmers, by farmers. In addition to the interactive farm loan features, the site also offers a Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool. Farmers can visit farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-tool#step-1 to find disaster assistance programs that can help their operation recover from natural disasters.

For more information, contact your Lincoln County USDA Service Center at 307-248-0399 or visit farmers.gov.

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