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Natrona and Converse County CED's Message

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Next County Committee Meeting: May 26, 2020 Time:1:00pm

Hello everyone! I know you all would like to have information regarding the distribution of the USDA money under the CAREs Act/CFAP (Corona Virus Food Assistance Program). Additionally, you want to know how much money, if any, will be allotted to the various sectors in agriculture.

The only specific information I know is what Secretary Perdue has announced publicly, that being the CAREs Act/CFAP will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted and will assist producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.

Unfortunately, we do not know what these programs will look like yet. The rules are being written. If you have additional questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Secondly, due to current public health concerns, we will be doing crop/acreage reports differently this year. We will not be having producer appointments. Following will be our procedure for this year:

- We will provide clean maps* to you (with instructions on how to complete the maps and provide a phone number for calling with any questions – a separate document will be provided for example purposes)
- You are asked to return the completed maps to the office by **NOT LATER THAN** June 30th

- We will update the crop reporting software and will contact you with any questions/missing items.
- We will provide FSA-578 (crop report to you for signature.) (All Crop Reports must be signed and returned to our office by **NOT LATER THAN** July 15, 2020.

Finally, I have to postpone our Workshop Wednesdays that I had scheduled for May 20th. Due to the current public health concerns, it is best if we postpone this one until later in the summer.

I hope everyone is having a safe and successful spring! I look forward to working with all of you soon!

Deena R. McDaniels
County Executive Director
Natrona/Converse Counties

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