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## Park County FSA Updates

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### Wool Triggers Loan Deficiency Payment in Park County

Wool producers in Park County may be eligible for loan deficiency payments (LDPs) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), which help producers under certain market conditions.

Marketing assistance loans (MALs) and LDPs are marketing tools available to producers beginning upon shearing. MALs help producers meet cash flow needs without selling commodities when market prices are at harvest-time lows.

Producers who are eligible for marketing loans, but choose to forgo the loan, are eligible for LDPs if the posted county price falls below the county loan rate. Producers also can purchase a commodity certificate that may be exchanged for the outstanding loan collateral. Producers can check their daily LDP rates online at [fsa.usda.gov](https://fsa.usda.gov).

LDPs are no longer subject to payment limitations, actively engaged in farming and cash-rent tenant rules.

### Eligibility Requirements

For a commodity to be eligible for a loan, LDP, or certificate, the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity, defined as having title,

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possession and control of the commodity, and responsible for loss of or damage to the commodity. All related application forms must be completed at the local FSA office prior to loss of beneficial interest. Other eligibility requirements may apply; consult your local FSA office for more information.

Marketing assistance loans are available for the following commodities: wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, extra-long staple cotton, long grain rice, medium grain rice, soybeans and other oilseeds (including sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe and sesame seed), dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas, large chickpeas, graded and non-graded wool, mohair, unshorn pelts, honey and peanuts.

### More Information

For more information, visit [fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](https://fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport). To find your local USDA service center, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator)

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## USDA Designates Two Wyoming Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue designated two Wyoming counties as primary natural disaster areas. Producers who suffered losses caused by two separate disaster events may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) [emergency loans](#).

This natural disaster designation allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts.

### Freeze

Producers in Park County, who suffered losses due to a freeze that occurred between October 9 and November 6, 2019, are eligible to apply for emergency loans.

Producers in the contiguous Wyoming counties of Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Teton, and Washakie, along with Carbon, Gallatin, and Park counties in Montana, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

### Excessive Snow and Freeze

Producers in Big Horn County, who suffered losses due to excessive snow and freeze that occurred between October 9 and November 6, 2019, are eligible to apply for emergency loans.

Producers in the contiguous Wyoming counties of Johnson, Park, Sheridan, and Washakie, along with Big Horn and Carbon counties in Montana, are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is September 30, 2020.

FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

FSA has a variety of additional programs to help farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster. FSA programs that do not require a disaster declaration include: [Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees](#)

[and Farm-Raised Fish Program](#); [Emergency Conservation Program](#); [Livestock Forage Disaster Program](#); [Livestock Indemnity Program](#); [Operating and Farm Ownership Loans](#); and the [Tree Assistance Program](#).

Farmers may contact their local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs. Additional information is also available online at [farmers.gov/recover](http://farmers.gov/recover).

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## Park County is Eligible for Emergency Loans

Park County was declared a primary disaster due to excessive snow and freeze that occurred between October 9 and November 6, 2019. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact your local FSA office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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