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Sheridan~Johnson County FSA Updates

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Hello Producers~

This is a brief bulletin to remind you the 2020 NAP application coverage deadline is April 1st for spring planted crops. Below is detailed information, including the availability for the CCC-471 Basic Provisioning (BP) for NAP through the internet or our office. It is important to have this on hand for a reference. If you are participating in NAP, please make sure you have access to review the term and conditions of your coverage outlined in the BP.

Due to recent public health concerns about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), it is recommended that ALL visitors call to schedule an appointment in advance as you must be screened to enter the office.

Please call us if you have any questions at (307) 683-4202.

Best Regards,

Linda

<https://www.usda.gov/tellsonny> Tell Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue about your experience with FSA or NRCS.~

**Next County Committee
Meeting: TBA**

Sheridan~Johnson County Producers Urged to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage Before Crop Sales Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of April 1, 2020 for spring planted crops. The 2020 closing date for biennial and perennial forage crops and honey was December 1, 2019.

NAP Service Fees

For all coverage levels, the new NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. These amounts reflect a \$75 service fee increase for crop, county or multi-county coverage. The fee increases apply to obtaining NAP coverage on crops on or after April 8, 2019.

CCC-471 NAP Basic Provisions (BP) for Crop Year 2020 and Subsequent Years

This Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Application for Coverage is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) under the provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), as amended (7 U.S.C. 7333). Provisions of the Application for Coverage and rights and responsibilities of the parties are specifically subject to the authorizing statute and pertinent regulations that appear at 7 CFR part 1437. The provisions of the Application for Coverage may not be waived or varied in any way by CCC, or any other contractor or employee of ours or any employee of USDA. We will use the procedures (handbooks, manuals, and notices), as issued by USDA and published on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) website at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov> in the administration of the Application for Coverage, including the adjustment of any loss or claim submitted hereunder.

Ensure that producers understand that by having signed or signing CCC-471 for 2020 or subsequent year NAP coverage, they acknowledge receipt of CCC-471 NAP BP.

For a complete copy of the CCC-471 NAP BP please contact the office at (307) 683-4202 and we can email or mail you a copy for your files.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Linda Benzel](mailto:Linda.Benzel@usda.gov) at [307-672-5820](tel:307-672-5820) extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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