



NEWSLETTER



2020 Second Quarter

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MOLES:

Machinery, Operating, Livestock, Expansion and Starting Out Loans

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager
Carol Zogata, Program Technician
307.856.7524

FROM JEN'S DESK.....

I'm reminded of that old song *No News* by Lonestar, "send a pigeon, send a fax, write it on a postal pack, send a signal up in smoke, tap it out in morse code".

During these strange and challenging times, our office is not open for physical visits. We ARE open and here to assist you by pretty much any other means. Call us, email us, text us, send a pigeon.

We are currently working on compiling your annual crop reporting paperwork, which will be completed by mail this year. **This is the most important thing we do all year because it keeps you eligible for all the other programs that may assist you throughout the year!** Please keep your eyes open for these packets, complete them and return them as soon as possible.

I have included a 2020 customer calendar issued by the WY State FSA Office. I have notated programs that have the most participation in southwest WY with * or **. Please note all programs may be available, it just these are the most applicable to our counties agriculture.

FSA Can Help with On-Farm Propane Storage

Winter months in Wyoming can be long and cold. For several years, farmers have faced propane storage shortages. FSA's [Farm Storage Facility Loan \(FSFL\) program](#) provides funding for on-farm liquified petroleum tanks.

FSFL low-interest financing can be used to build or upgrade storage facilities and to purchase portable (new or used) structures, equipment, storage and handling trucks. Liquified petroleum tanks are covered for eligible commodities for the use of fuel for grain dryer equipment.

Loans up to \$50,000 can be secured by a promissory note/security agreement. Loans exceeding \$100,000 require additional security.

Livestock Losses

LIP - The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, disease and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For 2020 livestock losses, eligible livestock owners must file a notice within 30 calendar days of when the loss is first apparent.

Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of grower's contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 2% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 4.3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions.

In addition to filing a notice of loss, producers must also submit an application for payment by March 1, 2021. Note: 2019 losses must be filed by March 1, 2020.

ELAP - The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Eligible livestock losses include grazing losses not covered under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), loss of purchased feed and/or mechanically harvested feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, additional cost of

transporting water because of an eligible drought and additional cost associated with gathering livestock to treat for cattle tick fever.

Eligible honeybee losses include loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, cost of additional feed purchased above normal quantities due to an eligible adverse weather condition, colony losses in excess of normal mortality due to an eligible weather event or loss condition, including CCD, and hive losses due to eligible adverse weather.

Producers who suffer eligible livestock, honeybee, or farm-raised fish losses from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2020 must file:

- A notice of loss within 30 calendar days after the loss is apparent.
- An application for payment by Jan. 30, 2021

Conservation Reserve Program Grasslands (CRP-G)

Farmers and ranchers may apply to enroll grasslands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands signup. The signup runs through May 15.

Through CRP Grasslands, participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, such as haying, mowing or harvesting seed from the enrolled land. Timing of some activities may be restricted by the primary nesting season of birds.

Participants will receive an annual rental payment and may receive up to 50 percent cost-share for establishing approved conservation practices. The duration of the CRP contract is either 10 or 15 years. FSA will rank applications using a number of factors including existence of expiring CRP land, threat of conversion or development, existing grassland, and predominance of native species cover, and cost.

The 2018 Farm Bill set aside 2 million acres for CRP Grassland enrollment. CRP is one of the largest conservation programs at USDA. CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020 with 22 million acres currently enrolled.

For more information or to enroll in CRP Grasslands, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp.

Farm Service Agency

2020 Customer Calendar

www.usda.gov
www.farmers.gov
www.fsa.usda.gov
www.fsa.usda.gov/wy

Farm Programs

- Agricultural Risk & Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC)
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)
- Commodity Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (WHIP)

Farm Loans—No Application Deadlines

- Beginning Farmer & Rancher Loans
- Emergency Loans (Time Sensitive)
- Farm Operating Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- Farm Ownership Loans (Direct and Guaranteed)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)
- EZ Guaratee and Microloans
- SDA (Women/Minority) Farmer & Rancher Loans
- Youth Loans

• Various eligibility requirements are required for both Farm programs and Farm loans

Farm Program Deadlines - (dates below are subject to change) *Contact your local office for more information or to make an appointment.*

**Acreage Reports:

- July 15 – Soybeans, corn, and other spring-planted feed grains, CRP, Hemp, and other crops
- November 15 – Apiculture (bees), fall -seeded small grains

• **CRP General Signup:** December 9 through February 28

• ***Continuous CRP Signup:** August 21

• ***CRP Grasslands:** March 16 to May 15

*ARC/PLC:

- July 15 – Final date to report production for the preceding crop year
- June 30 – Election and enrollment end for crop year 2020
- October of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment begin for the applicable year
- March 15 of each contract year after 2020 – Election and enrollment end for the applicable year

**LFP:

- Within 30 days after the end of the year in which the grazing loss occurred – submit Application for Payment and supporting documentation

Farm Service Agency - Wyoming State Office

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Days USDA Offices Are Closed

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Holiday
- Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 17 - President's Birthday
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- Oct. 12 - Columbus Day
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Holiday

Important Links

Farmers.gov - <https://www.farmers.gov/>
FSA FencePost - <http://fsa.blogg.govdelivery.com/>
USDA Blogs - <http://blogs.usda.gov/>

Questions?

Contact your local FSA office.
A directory of USDA Service Centers can be found online at offices.usda.gov

GovDelivery Email & SMS Text Updates

Contact your local FSA office ask how you can receive important FSA updates and reminders by email and SMS text subscriptions.

Have you moved?

Changed bank accounts?

Contact your local FSA to update your records.

Stay Connected with USDA:



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

**LIP:

- Within 30 days of noticing Livestock loss or injury – Submit Notice of Loss
- Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss or injury occurred – Submit Application for Payment

**ELAP:

- Within 30 days of livestock feed or pasture losses/issues due to extreme weather – Submit Notice of Loss
- Within 60 days after the end the year in which loss occurred – Submit Application for Payment

MAL/LDP Availability (from harvest to the below deadline):

- January 31 - Wool, Mohair and LDP only for Unshorn Pelts
- March 31 - Barley, Canola, Flaxseed, Honey, Oats, Rape-seed, Sesame seed and Wheat
- May 31 - Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard seed, Safflower, Small chickpeas, Large chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed

**MAP:

- December 1 – All perennial grasses, alfalfa, clover, mixed forage, and honey
- March 15 – Hemp
- April 1 – All spring seeded crops
- Within 15 days of crop loss – Submit Notice of Loss
- November 15 (varies by crop) – Final day to submit Application for Payment

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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

From Jen's desk

Livestock Disaster

Customer Calendar

- **June 30** – 2020 ARC/PLC election and enrollment deadline
- **July 15** – 2020 Acreage reporting deadline
- **September 30** – ARC/PLC Yield update deadline
- **Immediately** – Weather and loss conditions, including livestock losses
- **15 days after apparent** – Deadline to file NAP losses (hay & grazing)