

January 2020



Farm Service Agency **Electronic News Service**

# BULLETIN

*GovDelivery*

- [Message from the CED](#)
- [Washakie-Hot Springs County Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results](#)
- [USDA Safety Net Program Enrollment for 2019 and 2020](#)
- [Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products](#)

---

## Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

---

### Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Office

208 Shiloh RD  
Worland, WY 82401

Phone: 307-347-2456  
Fax: 855-415-3445

**County Executive Director:**  
Lisa Bower

**Farm Loan Manager:**  
Bill Morrison  
Tracy Neidig, FLOT

**Program Technicians:**  
Teresa Shelton  
Kelli Emmett

**County Committee:**  
Julie Haun, Chairperson  
Kirk Tolman, Vice Chairperson  
Jim Butterfield, Member

### Message from the CED

Greetings,

WESTI Ag Days is on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at the Worland Community Center. This year the USDA Farm Service Agency and Farm Credit Services of America will jointly be discussing crop and livestock insurance programs from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. on February 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 3. Specifically, I will be discussing the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program. Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder, please call this FSA office at 307-347-2456 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment to ensure maximum use of your time and to make sure FSA staff is available to tend to your important business needs.

Please note the following deadlines:

**March 15, 2020 - 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program**

**June 30, 2020 - 2020 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Program**

Everett Jones, Member  
Arnold Pennoyer, Member

Notice of loss for Livestock Disaster Programs is 30 days after the loss is apparent.

**Next County Committee Meeting: 1/16/2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

We hope that your 2020 new year will be filled with success,

Lisa Bower  
County Executive Director

---

## Washakie-Hot Springs County Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results

Washakie-Hot Springs County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that County Committee elections are over and the ballots have been counted.

Kirk Tolman from the Ten Sleep area was elected to represent local administrative area (LAA) 3.

Arnold Pennoyer from the Thermopolis area was elected to represent local administrative area (LAA) 4.

County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2020 and will be joining the existing committee. Every FSA office is required to have a county committee, and they are made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers.

Nearly 7,800 FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members impact the administration of FSA within a community by applying their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

County committee members impact producers through their decision making and help shape the culture of a local FSA office. They also ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties and are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Members conduct hearings and reviews as requested by the state committee, ensure underserved farmers, ranchers and foresters are fairly represented, make recommendations to the state committee on existing programs, monitor changes in farm programs and inform farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs. They also assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers, ranchers and foresters, about FSA opportunities.

For more information, visit the FSA website at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections) or contact the Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA office at 307-347-2456.

---

## USDA Safety Net Program Enrollment for 2019 and 2020

Agricultural producers now can enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs – two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety net programs – for the 2019 and 2020 crop year.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the

effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized and updated both programs.

Signup for the 2019 crop year closes March 15, 2020, while signup for the 2020 crop year closes June 30, 2020. Producers who have not yet enrolled for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office.

ARC and PLC have options for the farm operator who is actively farming the land as well as the owner of the land. Farm owners also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields beginning with crop year 2020. If the farm owner and producer visit the FSA county office together, FSA can also update yield information during that visit.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

### **2018 Crop Year ARC and PLC Payments**

FSA began processing payments last week for 2018 ARC-County (ARC-CO) and PLC on covered commodities that met payment triggers on enrolled farms in the 2018 crop year. In addition to the \$1.5 billion now in process, FSA anticipates it will issue another \$1 billion in November once USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes additional commodity prices for the 2018 crop.

Producers who had 2018 covered commodities enrolled in ARC-CO can visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc) for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For farms and covered commodities enrolled in 2018 PLC, the following crops met payment triggers: barley, canola, corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, peanuts, large chickpeas, sunflower seed, flaxseed, rapeseed, seed cotton, long grain rice, medium/short grain rice and wheat.

Oats, small chickpeas, mustard seed, safflower, crambe, sesame seed and soybeans did not meet 2018 PLC payment triggers.

2018 PLC payment rates for the following covered commodities have not been determined: temperate Japonica rice.

### **More Information**

For more information on ARC and PLC including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the [ARC and PLC webpage](#).

---

## **Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products**

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. **Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer!** You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

---

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Lisa Bower at 307-347-2456 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

---

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).