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## Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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### CED Comments

Greetings Hot Springs and Washakie County Producers,

If you are a sheep producer, please read the article regarding signing up for the Wool Loan Deficiency Program. Note – you have to sign up for the program while **you still have beneficial interest in the commodity, which is defined as having title, possession and control of the commodity, and you are still responsible for loss of or damage to the commodity.**

NOTE: If you haven't enrolled for the 2019 ARC or PLC program – **the deadline is March 15, 2020.**

Also, please read the article below regarding Emergency Loans. Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine. If you have any questions, please give this office a call at 307-347-2456 ext. 2.

The sun is getting much warmer and spring has to be just around the corner! Best wishes for a successful calving, and lambing season!

Lisa Bower  
County Executive Director

Everett Jones, Member  
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**Next County Committee  
Meeting: TBD**

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## **Wool Triggers Loan Deficiency Payment in Washakie and Hot Springs Counties**

Wool producers in Washakie County and Hot Springs 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, 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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## **FSA Encourages Producers to Enroll Soon in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs**

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk Loss (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. March 15, 2020 is the enrollment deadline for the 2019 crop year.

Although more than 200,000 producers have enrolled to date, FSA anticipates 1.5 million producers will enroll for ARC and PLC. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs; and to ensure FSA meets your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process. Call your FSA county office and make an appointment soon to ensure your elections are made and contracts signed well ahead of the deadlines.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities: 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.

Until March 15, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office unless yield updates are requested. Additionally, farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC payment yields that take effect beginning with crop year 2020. If the owner accompanies the producer to the office, the yield update and enrollments may be completed during the same office visit.

## More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, download our [program fact sheet](#) or our [2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet](#). Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at [fsa.usda.gov/arc/plc](https://fsa.usda.gov/arc/plc). To enroll, contact your [FSA county office](#) for an appointment.

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## Big Horn, Hot Springs and Washakie Counties are Eligible for Emergency Loans

Big Horn County was declared a primary disaster due to excessive snow and freeze that occurred from October 9 to November 6, 2019.

Hot Springs County was declared a contiguous disaster due to freeze that occurred October 9 to November 6, 2019.

Washakie County was declared a contiguous disaster due to excessive snow and freeze that occurred October 9 to November 6, 2019.

Under these designations, 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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