**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)
- 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 Guarantee 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, com, 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

**NAP:**
- July 15 – Final date to report production for the preceding crop year

**ARC/PLC:**
- 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

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**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/issus due to extreme weather – Submit Notice of Loss
- 60 days after the end the year in which loss or injury occurred – Submit Application for Payment

**MAI/LDP Availability (from harvest to the below deadline):**
- January 31 – Wool, Mohair and LDP only for Unshorn Pets
- March 31 – Barley, Canola, Flaxseed, Honey, Oats, Rapeseed, Sesame seed and Wheat
- May 31 – Corn, Dry peas, Grain sorghum, Lentils, Mustard Seed, Safflower, Small chickpeas, Large chickpeas, Soybeans and Sunflower seed

**NAP:**
- 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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**Questions?**
Contact your local FSA office.
A directory of USDA Service Centers can be found online at [offices.usda.gov](http://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.

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# How Can We Help?

## Ways We Help Our Farmers and Ranchers:

**FUND** — Opportunities to access capital to fund your operation such as with Down Payment Loans, Farm Operating Loans, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Youth Loans, etc. More information can be found with your local farm loan manager.

**CONSERVE** — Opportunities to implement conservation on your operation through long-term strategies, to recover from damage caused by natural disasters, or for emergency water conservation measures in severe droughts.

**MANAGE** — Opportunities to lessen risk on your operation to protect your operation’s revenue from market condition changes and protections from losses due to eligible conditions for crops which catastrophic risk protection plan of insurance is not available.

**RECOVER** — Opportunities to help your operation recover from a natural disaster.

## How We Can Help:

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<td>Do you need to restore or reduce erosion around your natural watercourses such as lakes, creeks, and rivers? Or, do you want to improve your farm's soil and water quality?</td>
<td>The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) helps producers protect soil, water quality, and habitat by removing highly erodible or environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production through long-term rental agreements. Our sister agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also has multiple programs to assist you in your conservation efforts.</td>
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<td>Do you want to store your grain or hay longer using a grain bin or hay barn? Or, do you need cold storage facilities for your milk, cheese, yogurt, butter, eggs, or unprocessed meat/poultry?</td>
<td>Farm Storage Facility Loans provide low-interest loans to build, purchase, or upgrade facilities and equipment used to store, handle, or transport eligible commodities.</td>
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<td>Are grain, wool, or milk prices lower than expected?</td>
<td>Market Access Loans (MAL) provide interim financing at harvest time for producers to meet cash flow needs without having to sell commodities when market prices typically are at harvest-time lows. Alternatively, Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) provisions may be available. Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs protect farm revenue when there is a substantial drop in revenue or prices for covered commodities. Dairy Margin Coverage Program (DMC) offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.</td>
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<td>Are you experiencing drought conditions? Did you lose crops, grazing, or honey production? Did your livestock water dry up?</td>
<td>Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to restore farmland damaged by natural disasters and for emergency water conservation measures in severe droughts.</td>
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<td>Are you impacted by flooding? Did you lose crops, grazing, or livestock feed? Did you lose reservoirs, dams, or other conservation structures? Do you have debris or sediment affecting your fields or pastures?</td>
<td>Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or that is planted specifically for grazing. Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) provides assistance to eligible owners of livestock, and producers of honeybees and farm-raised fish for losses due not covered by LFP. Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Provides financial assistance to producers of certain eligible crops for which catastrophic risk protection plan of insurance is not available when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to an eligible cause of loss. Also available are Emergency Loans.</td>
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<td>Did a hailstorm damage your pasture or crops? Did you lose livestock feed due to lightning?</td>
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<td>Are you a producer of honeybees and farm-raised fish and sustained losses?</td>
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## Interested in Going Organic?

Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) provides up to 75 percent of organic certification costs for producers, not to exceed $750 per certification scope.

### We Want to Help.

The above programs are a small portion of assistance that FSA can offer our farmers and ranchers. If you are experiencing a situation that is critically affecting your operation, do not hesitate to contact us. We may have a program available to assist you. To learn more, visit our office or check out the USDA website: farmers.gov.
Greetings from the Weston County FSA Office!

As a service to our producers, please note the attached calendar and programs offered through FSA. Feel free to detach the calendar and keep it in a place to remind you of important deadlines and programs.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers are encouraging visitors to take proactive protective measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. As part of our commitment to farmers and ranchers, we will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. We will be working with our producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible.

I would like to inform everyone as we move forward through the lambing and calving season what has changed in the Livestock Indemnity Program. I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep thorough and complete records. This includes documenting the weather daily (examples: wind speed, temperature, wind chill, type of precipitation such as rain, freezing drizzle, snow, drifting snow, depth of snow on the ground). Pregnancy records from the fall before, sales of cull cows after pregnancy check, documentation of any losses of cows or aborted calves prior to calving time. Pictures must have the date printed on the picture of when it was taken. Documentation of calves lost needs to include whether the loss was normal mortality or lost due to an eligible weather event. If you are having death loss due to an unknown cause, it may be beneficial for you to have a veterinarian post a sampling of the losses. We require that the veterinarian complete form CCC-854A. For 2020 and future years, the classes of unweaned calves have changed [less than 250 lbs., 250-399 lbs. or 400 lbs. or more]. The normal mortality for the different classes has not yet been established. Do not forget to contact the county office as soon as you notice a significant loss of livestock because of an eligible weather event but no later than 30 days from the time the loss was first apparent.

Please do not hesitate to call the County Office if you have any questions or concerns.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILIES.

Regards,

Peggy Livingston, CED
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