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Farm Service Agency

2020 Customer Calendar

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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

LIP:

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

ELAP:

- Within 30d days of livestock feed or pasture losses/issues due to extreme weather - Submit Notice of Loss
- 60 days after the end of the year in which loss or injury 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, 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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Farm Service Agency - Weston County 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.bloggs.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.

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

Acresage 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

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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How Can We Help?

Producer Guide 2018 Farm Bill

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:

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?

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 program to assist you in your conservation efforts.

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?

Farm Storage Facility Loans provide low-interest loans to build, purchase, or upgrade facilities and equipment used to store, handle, or transport eligible commodities.

Are grain, wool, or milk prices lower than expected?

Market Assistance 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.

Are you experiencing drought conditions? Did you lose crops, grazing, or honey production? Did your livestock water dry up?

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.

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 effecting your fields or pastures?

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.

Did a hailstorm damage your pasture or crops? Did you lose livestock feed due to lightning?

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.

Did a tornado damage your crops, grazing, or livestock feed? Did a tornado damage your fencing or other infrastructure? Do you have debris issues?

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.

Did a fire damage your crops, grazing, livestock feed, or honey production? Did you lose fencing or other infrastructure?

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides benefits to livestock owners for livestock deaths or injuries in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government or protected by Federal law. Benefits also are available for reduced sale prices for owned livestock due to injury caused by eligible loss conditions.

Did you need to feed your livestock significantly more than usual due to extreme winter weather events?

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 LIP. Also available are Emergency Loans.

Are you a producer of honeybees and farm-raised fish and sustained losses?

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.



NEWSLETTER



Weston County Newsletter

March 2020

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County Committee

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Randy Oleson, Vice Chairman
Harry Tavegia, Member
Robin Riesland, Minority Advisor

Next County Committee Meeting:

May 20, 2019 at 1:00 pm

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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

Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt. Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,776,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your lender or local FSA farm loan office for more information on guaranteed loans.



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