Hi Everyone!

Just a reminder that Sarah has left for her new position in Oregon, so if you need anything or have any questions please reach out to Pam or Tiffany at the office by phone or by email. We will soon be sending out post cards for your yearly Acreage Report and Eligibility updates for 2021. These items need to be fully updated to make any payments in 2021. Our office is still closed to visitors, so weather permitting, we will be conducting your appointment just outside the building. We also will be working with you by email and over the phone. Please be on the lookout over the next several months for your appointment postcard in the mail.

If you have sold or bought land or have new leases, please remember the office will need this information. A drop box can be placed outside for anyone dropping off paperwork if you can’t make it during business hours. Please let us know you need this, and we will set it just outside the office door for you.

CFAP and CFAP 2 Program Updates - Additional CFAP 1 Payments for Cattle Producers
• The CFAP 1 payment rates for cattle have been increased. Cattle producers with approved CFAP 1 application will automatically receive these payments beginning in April.
• FSA will calculate these payments based on inventory on the CFAP 1 application using the following payment rates:

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<th>Eligible Commodity</th>
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<td>Feeder Cattle: Less Than 600 Pounds</td>
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• Eligible producers do not need to submit new applications, since payments are based on previously approved CFAP 1 application.
• USDA estimates additional payments of more than $1.1 billion to more than 410,000 producers, according to a mandated formula.

Additional CFAP 2 Payments for Row-Crop Producers

• USDA will provide additional CFAP assistance of $20 per acre for producers of eligible crops identified as CFAP 2 flat-rate or price-trigger crops.
• FSA will automatically issue payments to eligible price trigger and flat-rate crop producers based on the eligible acres included on their CFAP 2 applications.
• Eligible producers do not need to submit a new CFAP 2 application.
• USDA estimates additional payments of more than $4.5 billion to more than 560,000 producers, according to a mandated formula. For more information please go to https://www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance/cfap.

USDA Offers Secure New Options for Signing and Sharing

Documents Online - Farmers and ranchers working with USDA’s Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service can now sign and share documents online in just a few clicks. By using Box or OneSpan, producers can digitally complete business transactions without leaving their homes or agricultural operations. Both services are free, secure, and available for multiple FSA and NRCS programs. Visit https://www.farmers.gov/mydocs to learn more about Box and OneSpan, steps for getting started, and additional resources for conducting business with USDA online.

Thank you,
Pam and Tiffany
Applying for FSA Direct Loans

FSA offers direct farm ownership and direct farm operating loans to producers who want to establish, maintain, or strengthen their farm or ranch. Direct loans are processed, approved and serviced by FSA loan officers.

Direct farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance, and other costs including family living expenses. Operating loans can also be used to finance minor improvements or repairs to buildings and to refinance some farm-related debts, excluding real estate.

Direct farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, enlarge an existing farm, construct and repair buildings, and to make farm improvements.

The maximum loan amount for direct farm ownership loans is $600,000 and the maximum loan amount for direct operating loans is $400,000 and a down payment is not required. 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 local FSA office for more information or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan.

To learn more about the FSA loan programs, contact the USDA Service Center at (307) 682-8843 Ext 2 or visit https://www.farmers.gov/fund

Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. You should also report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their Farm Operating Plan on form CCC-902.

To update your records, contact Pam or Tiffany at Crook County USDA Service Center at 307-283-2870 Ext 2.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Pam or Tiffany at 307-283-2870 Ext 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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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).