May 2021

Laramie County Comments

Wool Triggers Loan Deficiency Payment in Laramie County
Conservation Planning Helps Improve Farm Productivity
Borrower Training for Farm Loan Customers

Laramie County Comments

Happy May Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers!

We are now open for in-person appointments. You are required to call and schedule an appointment to be admitted into the building. A face covering will be required to be worn, and we will have to limit the number of people we can see at one time.

With these COVID restrictions in mind, please call us as soon as you are done planting, as we will not be able to stack appointments as much as we have in previous years. If you would prefer not to come to the office; please call to request your maps be sent for you to fill out and return to us for data loading. We will then be able to mail/email/fax your crop reports to you for signature. If you choose to go this route; please make sure you are requesting and submitting your maps in plenty of time to complete your crop reports by the July 15th deadline.

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 has re-opened. If you did not sign up the first time; please contact us ASAP. We do not have a definite deadline yet, but it is supposed to run until June 4th for sure, so please apply by then if you are wanting to sign up!
Next County Committee Meeting: May 13, 2021

The Conservation Reserve Program is going to be receiving some changes, and a new signup deadline is to be announced for both general and grasslands. We will send out more information as we get it!

Please also note the office will be closed on Monday, May 31st, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Thank you for everything you do!

Wool Triggers Loan Deficiency Payment in Laramie County

If you produce Wool in Laramie County, you may be eligible for loan deficiency payments (LDPs) from the USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA).

LDPs and marketing assistance loans (MALs) are marketing tools that are available during 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 can purchase a commodity certificate that may be exchanged for the outstanding loan collateral. Daily LDP rates are available online at fsa.usda.gov.

Rules related to payment limitations, actively engaged in farming and cash-rent tenant no longer apply to LDPs.

For more information, contact your Laramie County USDA Service Center at 307-772-2314 ext. 2 or visit fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

Conservation Planning Helps Improve Farm Productivity

Whether you rent or own your land, a conservation plan is critical to maintain and improve farm productivity. Plans of any kind are important as they set goals and outline how to reach them. Conservation plans are roadmaps for improving your operation while conserving natural resources. They provide proven strategies that landowners can use to solve identified natural resource concerns and take advantage of conservation opportunities.

USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service can help you develop a conservation plan. This technical assistance from NRCS is free, and it can help you reduce soil loss from erosion, solve issues with soil, air and water quality, reduce potential damage from excess water and drought, enhance the quality of wildlife habitat, address waste management concerns, and improve the long-term sustainability of the country’s natural resources.

How does conservation planning work? You’ll meet with a planner from NRCS for a science-based evaluation of your problems and opportunities on your land. The NRCS staff member, often a
district conservationist or conservation planning technician, then analyzes the findings and recommends the best strategies to address your problems and achieve valuable opportunities.

If you’re interested in conservation planning, contact your Laramie County USDA Service Center at 307-772-2314 ext. 3 or visit nrcs.usda.gov.

Borrower Training for Farm Loan Customers

Borrower training is available for all Farm Service Agency (FSA) customers. This training is required for all direct loan applicants, unless the applicant has a waiver issued by the agency.

Borrower training includes instruction in production and financial management. The purpose is to help the applicants develop and improve skills that are necessary to successfully operate a farm and build equity in the operation. It aims to help the producer become financially successful. Borrower training is provided, for a fee, by agency approved vendors. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager for a list of approved vendors.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Robin B. Hudson at 307-772-2314 ext. 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).