Laramie County Service Center Updates - July 13, 2021

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Laramie County Service Center Comments

Acreage Reports must be completed by July 15th. Not completing acreage reports can result in ineligibility for program benefits or a late-filing fee per incomplete FSA farm number. If you have not been in to report with us this spring/summer; please give us a call to make sure your reports are complete and/or to set up a crop reporting appointment.

July 15th is also the deadline to submit your production for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). If you had NAP coverage last year; please call the office to make sure you have submitted the production for your covered crops.

Thank you for everything you do!

-Laramie County FSA

The office remains under Coronavirus procedures. To obtain an in-person appointment; you will need to call and schedule one. 307-772-2314

-Laramie County FSA & NRCS

Drought Reporting For Program Purposes

The Drought Monitor is used for multiple programs within USDA. Contributing data makes sure that the true conditions are recorded and that programs that depend on this monitor trigger when they are supposed to.

How can people contribute to the USDN?

There are multiple ways to contribute your observations to the USDN process:

1. **Talk to your state climatologist** - Find the current list at the [American Association of State Climatologists](https://www.americanclimatologists.org) website.
2. **Email** - Emails sent to droughtmonitor@unl.edu inform the USDN authors.
3. **Become a CoCoRaHS observer** - Submit drought reports along with daily precipitation observations to the [Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network](http://www.coconet.org).
4. **Submit Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR)** - go.unl.edu/CMOR.
5. **Use the drought.gov contact form** - Contact us online at [www.drought.gov/drought/contact-us](http://www.drought.gov/drought/contact-us).
Applying for Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is $5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
2. Be 10 years to 20 years of age
3. Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements
4. Be unable to get a loan from other sources
5. Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
6. Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For help preparing the application forms, contact your Platte County USDA Service Center at 307-322-4050 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Conservation at Work Video Series

A new video series from NRCS and farmers.gov, Conservation at Work, presents short and easy to understand videos about popular conservation practices. These videos feature producers explaining how an individual practice helps their land and why they are using it.

The videos shine the spotlight on farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners from across the U.S. who explain why they’ve implemented the conservation practices and how they work on their land. They also provide insight into how each practice is helping them protect and improve resources and save time and money.

The first 15 videos cover:

- Brush Management
- Cover Crop
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Grade Stabilization
- Grassed Waterway
- High Tunnel
- No Till
- Nutrient Management
- Prescribed Grazing
- Pumping Station
- Sprinkler System
- Trails and Walkways
- Waste Storage
• Water & Sediment Control Basin
• Wetland Restoration

The Conservation at Work video series can be found at farmers.gov/conserve/conservationatwork.

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