Laramie County Service Center Updates - August 2021

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Laramie County Service Center Comments

Happy August Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers!

CRP Grasslands signup is currently ongoing and will end August 20, 2021. If you would like to apply for this program; please call the office to make an appointment.

CRPs that were approved for haying must be completed by August 31, 2021 and bales must be removed from the CRP by September 15, 2021.

Thank you for everything you do!

-Laramie County Farm Service Agency

Save Time – Make an Appointment

Producers are encouraged to call their local NRCS office to schedule an appointment to ensure maximum use of their time and to make sure NRCS staff is available to tend to their important business needs. Please call your local NRCS office ahead to set an appointment and to discuss any records or documentation that might be needed during your appointment. To find your local NRCS office, visit: offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app.

-Laramie County NRCS

Please also note that the office will be closed on September 6th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

-Laramie County FSA & NRCS

Conservation Compliance on Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands

Highly erodible land (HEL) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions aim to reduce soil loss on erosion-prone lands and to protect wetlands for the multiple benefits they provide. HEL and WC provisions apply to all land that is considered highly erodible or a wetland, and that is owned or farmed by persons voluntarily participating in USDA programs.

To comply with HEL and WC provisions, agricultural producers and affiliated persons must fill out and sign form AD-1026 certifying they will not:

- Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without following an NRCS-approved conservation plan or system.
• Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland; or
• Convert a wetland that makes the production of an agricultural commodity possible.

In addition, producers planning to conduct activities that may affect their HEL or WC compliance; for example, land clearing, conducting drainage activities, land leveling, filling, dredging, or excavation, including the clearing of woody vegetation; must notify FSA by filing form AD-1026. FSA will notify NRCS, and they will then provide highly erodible land or wetland technical evaluations and issue determinations if needed.

It is extremely important that producers comply with the HEL and WC provisions to continue receiving USDA Program benefits. Please contact your local USDA Service Center for more information.

Attention all Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the Seller of the product. If a lien is found you are required to place the lien holders name on the check as well as that of the Seller. Ag Products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc.), machinery, equipment and all other crops. Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer! You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-307-777-7311.

Conservation Agricultural Mentoring Program (CAMP)

The Conservation Agricultural Mentoring Program is a state-driven program that matches an experienced producer who is passionate about conservation with an NRCS field employee that is new to the job or new to the area.

Our goal through the program is to grow critical relationships with the producers we serve, while at the same time advancing employee knowledge of production agriculture and natural resources in their local area, ultimately enhancing our ability to provide excellent customer service.

Once matched with a producer mentor, the employee will go out on the land with them 6-12 times per year for a period of 12-18 months – always during agreed upon times that are convenient for the producer.

Producer mentors provide a safe, low risk learning environment for employees to advance their knowledge of:

• Common agricultural practices, equipment, inputs and other topics.
• The types of daily challenges and decisions producers face.
• Local resource problems and concerns.
• How producers use conservation practices to address resource concerns.

For more information on the CAMP program, check out our Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions. Contact your local CAMP Coordinator to speak with someone directly or to sign-up to become a mentor.
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Next County Committee Meeting:
August 12, 2021