Message From the County Office

LIVESTOCK LOSSES RELATED TO WEATHER EVENTS

Producers suffering livestock losses from last weekend’s storm may be eligible for payments for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather events under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Sustained cold, combined with wind chill, may have resulted in calf, lamb, or mature livestock losses. FSA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 2.0% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 4.3%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under “normal” conditions. For 2022 livestock losses, you must file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss is first apparent. You must then provide supporting documentation to FSA no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred. Producers suffering livestock losses due to the storm are encouraged to contact the FSA office for details.

FARM RECORD CHANGES

Eligibility for program payments may be influenced by the type of legal entity that you have on file with FSA. If you are working with an attorney on changing your ranch entity type, updating legal documents, or other estate planning activities, these changes may affect farm program participation. Your attorney is likely unaware of the impact these changes have to FSA farm program eligibility. The FSA staff encourages you to check with us prior to finalizing these changes.

From the Campbell County FSA Staff

Vacancy Announcement

The Campbell County FSA office is hiring a Temporary Program Technician to assist with clerical work and farm program administration for up to 40 hours per week. The Farm Service Agency is an exciting and rewarding place to start, build and/or continue your career. Be part of our team and support the well-being of American agriculture and the American public. You will receive on-the-job training intended to further develop your talent, skills, and abilities to successfully administer farm programs. Prior office experience is helpful, and an agricultural background is preferred but not essential. A high school diploma or GED, along with computer and phone skills are required. Contact Pam Smith at 307-696-4450 or pamela.s.smith@usda.gov for more details.

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 FSA loan office for more information or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan.

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**Important Deadlines**

May 30th- Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
July 15th- Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline

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May 4th, 2022