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## Message From the County Office

### **Snowbirds, did you know that...**

If you are wintering out of the area that you can apply for FSA farm programs offered in your home county at any FSA office throughout the country?

There's no need to worry about missing an enrollment deadline! FSA is willing to help. Contact the nearest FSA office and we'll assist in working through any application.

### **Livestock Indemnity Program**

Last week's subzero temperatures may have resulted in livestock deaths, including new born and mature animals. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) can potentially provide financial assistance for weather related livestock losses. Producer records and DATED photos are key to program eligibility. Losses need to be reported within 30 days of when the loss became apparent. There is no need to visit the office, your Notice of Loss can be filed by phone or electronically.

-The Campbell County FSA Staff-

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## Livestock Inventory Records



Several severe storms throughout 2022 resulted in county wide livestock deaths, particularly in calves and lambs and/or recently shorn sheep. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) can potentially provide financial assistance for these losses from eligible loss conditions.

LIP is data intensive, requiring acceptable documentation of death losses to be reported within 30 calendar days of the date of the event. January is an excellent time to adopt or strengthen your farm record keeping system for this program. You can do this by:

- Creating a beginning inventory of the number, kind, type, and estimated weight of livestock
- Tracking beginning inventory of births, deaths, and purchase receipts
- Photographing all livestock death losses
- Documenting severe weather

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## Campbell County FSA is Hiring a Temporary Program Technician



The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is hiring a Temporary Program Technician in our Campbell County Office. This position will work up to 40 hours per week.

Opening February 1st, closing once the position is filled.

• Duties will include:

- Carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to common process for FSA program administration
- Utilizing various web-based software applications to maintain producer information, data entry, and GIS
- Using a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered

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.

A high school diploma or GED, along with strong computer skills and customer service experience are required. Basic familiarity with agriculture preferred.

For more information, or to apply, contact Pam at 307-682-8843 or [pamela.s.smith@usda.gov](mailto:pamela.s.smith@usda.gov).  
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## 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

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## Important Deadlines

March 1st: Deadline for Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

March 15th: Election and Enrollment period ends for ARC/PLC

June 2nd: ERP Phase 2 and PARP Deadline

**July 15th: Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline**



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#### **Next County Committee Meeting** **March 1st, 2023**