#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Campbell County April Updates - April 21st, 2023

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## **Message From the County Office**



# FSA Announces Grassland Conservation Reserve Program Signup for 2023

The Campbell County FSA office announces that agricultural producers and private landowners can begin applying for the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) immediately **through May 26**, **2023**.

Among CRP enrollment opportunities, Grassland CRP is unique as a *working lands program*, allowing producers and landowners to receive annual rental

payments of up to \$13/acre for either 10 or 15 years for enrolled grazing and haying practices while protecting grasslands and promoting plant and animal biodiversity and conservation.

In addition to annual rental payments, cost share assistance may be available for internal permanent fencing, watering facilities, fire breaks, livestock trails and walkways, and improvement in plant production through prescribed burning.

#### **Ranking Grasslands CRP Offers**

FSA will rank offers for grasslands CRP for each tract of land offered on a point score based on seven relative ranking factors, with each offer competing against all other offers. Details on the ranking factors can be found on this <u>fact sheet</u> or by contacting the FSA office. Campbell County is one of 13 counties that has been selected as a 2023 Wyoming Grasslands Priority Zone, this designation adds another 15 points to the applications ranking. Bureau of Land Management and State of WY lands are not eligible for enrollment.

#### How to Sign Up for Grassland CRP

Landowners and producers interested in Grassland CRP, or any other CRP enrollment option, should contact Campbell County FSA Office to learn more or to apply for the program before **May 26, 2023.** 

# July 15 – Deadline to File 2023 Spring Seeded Acreage Report

Producers who have not yet completed their acreage report for 2023 should make an appointment with this office before July 15, 2023.

Crops including, but not limited to, the following: spring seeded alfalfa, perennial forage crops, native grazing and cover crops planted for soil health should be reported by July 15, 2023.

The number of new disaster programs and other Farm Bill mandated programs require an acreage report in order to comply with program eligibility requirements. An acreage report documents a crop grown on a



farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses,

including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits. FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety and seeding rates
- Intended use of the crop
- Number of acres of the crop
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer shares
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

# 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 <a href="mailto:pamela.s.smith@usda.gov">pamela.s.smith@usda.gov</a>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

# **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 holder's 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.

## **Important Deadlines**

April 25th: Office Closed due to staff attending AG Expo

May 26th: CRP Grassland Signup Deadline

May 29th: Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

June 2nd: ERP Phase 2 and PARP Deadline

June 2nd: ELAP Livestock/Feed Transportation Deadline June 19th: Office Closed In Observance of Juneteenth July 15th: Deadline to Report 2022 NAP Production July 15th: Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline



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Next County Committee Meeting May 10th, 2023