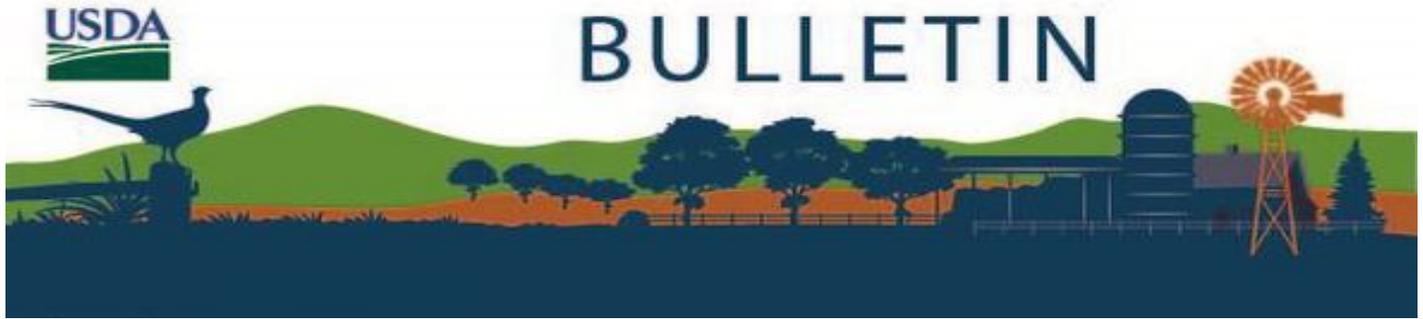


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Big Horn County FSA Updates

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USDA Commodity Loans Available to Wyoming Producers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wyoming Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Gregor Goertz reminds producers that USDA offers interim financing at harvest time to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell commodities when market prices are at harvest-time lows. The programs, known as Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2014-2018 crop years.

"These are among the many tools offered by Farm Service Agency to help farmers navigate price and market conditions, so as we approach the harvest season, we encourage producers to consider these programs as a helpful option," said Goertz.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a marketing loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain a loan deficiency payment if such a payment is available. The programs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. For eligibility, producers must control the commodity or a title to the commodity until the loan is repaid.

FSA is now accepting applications for all eligible commodities. For expedited service, interested producers are encouraged to schedule an appointment. Other program restrictions may apply, including limits on total payments or gross income thresholds. Consult your local FSA office for further critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport. To find your local USDA Service Center, go to <http://offices.usda.gov>.

MALs and LDPs were reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding

critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

2016 Fall Acreage Reports

The deadline to complete your fall acreage report for perennial forage and fall seeded small grains is **November 15, 2015**.

The deadline to report established stand alfalfa seed and fall alfalfa seed is **January 15, 2016**.

Please contact the county office to make an appointment to complete your reports.

YOUTH LOANS

The Farm Service Agency 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 \$5000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- 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
 - Be 10 years to 20 years of age
 - Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
 - Be unable to get a loan from other sources
 - Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
 - 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 by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.
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