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Laramie County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

Laramie County FSA will hold a Farm Bill Update Meeting on January 20 in Pine Bluffs

Please join the Laramie County FSA staff at 10:00 am on January 20, 2015 at the Pine Bluffs Community Center located at 708 Larson Street for a Farm Bill Update.

Highlights are base acre updates, yield updates, and enrollment information for the new Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs established by The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill).

Please see the article below for ARC and PLC program timelines. We encourage you to make an appointment with the County Office NOW for a review of the base acre reallocation and yield updates.

Timeline for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC)

ARC/PLC will be implemented as follows:

1. **Phase 1** - Owners and farm operators receive letters notifying them of current bases and yields and 2008 through 2012 planting history. This was completed in August 2014.
2. **Phase 2 Sept. 29, 2014 – Feb. 27, 2015** - Current owners have opportunity to update yields and reallocate base acres for ARCPLC purposes.
3. **Phase 3 Nov. 17, 2014 – March 31, 2015** - ARCPLC 1-time elections by current producers on a farm.
4. **Phase 4 Mid-April 2015 – Summer 2015** - ARCPLC enrollment for both the 2014 and 2015 crop years. 2014 producers enroll under 2014 contracts, and 2015 producers enroll under 2015 contracts.

To assist current producers as they elect PLC, ARC-CO, or ARC-IC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios. The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. Producers can access the online resources from the convenience of their personal computer, Smartphone, or tablet at any time.

Livestock Forage Program

Livestock producers are reminded that the deadline to apply for 2012 and/or 2013 benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) is **January 30, 2015**. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire.

Please consult this office for details and to set up an appointment.

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