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Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee
Meeting: MAY 8, 2014, 2:00
PM**

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Informational meetings will be held in Worland, Thermopolis and Ten Sleep for farmers and ranchers affected by the drought in 2012 and 2013.

Droughts have caused serious economic hardships for livestock producers. Thanks to the new Farm Bill, FSA is now able to offer livestock disaster assistance to help ranchers.

Information on program requirements, documentation requirements and signup information will be discussed at these meetings.

All meetings will begin at 6:30 pm at the following locations:

Thursday, April 24, 2014 - Washakie County Cooperative Extension Service - 1200 Culbertson Ave
Worland

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - Big Horn Federal Savings Bank - 643 Broadway, Thermopolis

Thursday, May 1, 2014 - Ten Sleep Senior Citizens Center 204 Second Street, Ten Sleep

In order to timely serve all livestock producers, APPOINTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SIGNUP. Please call 307-347-2456 opt. 2 to schedule your appointment to apply for assistance.

2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

Due to the new Farm Bill, acreage reporting deadlines may or may not be adhered to. In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report.

ALL CROPS NEED TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PLANTING.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the previously published dates depending on the crop or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop

begins.

Please make an appointment to complete crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA office at 307-347-2456, ext. 2.

BEGINNING FARMER LOANS

FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- § Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- § Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- § Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- § Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Livestock Disaster Programs - Starts 4/15/2014 & then continuous

Emergency Conservation Program - 4/21/2014 to 5/21/2014

Memorial Day – Office Closed 5/26/2014

Immediately - File Notification of Loss within 15 days after apparent loss of crops

Anytime - Apply for Farm Storage Facility Loan

Anytime - Apply for a Farm Loan

Office Hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you in a timely manner.

SELECTED INTEREST RATES FOR APRIL 2014:

Farm Operating Loan – Direct	- 2.00%
Farm Ownership Loan – Direct	- 4.00%
Farm Storage Facility Loans – Grain Bins – 7 year term	- 2.125%

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