

March 2015



## Campbell County FSA Deadlines

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**Next County Committee Meeting:** April 8 at 1:00 pm

### NAP Sales Deadline - April 1, 2015 for Spring Planted Crops

#### USDA Reminds Campbell County Producers of April 1st Sales Closing Date for Noninsurable Crops

Farm Service Agency (FSA) urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of April 1, 2015.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) allows producers to choose higher levels of NAP coverage. Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. It is important to note that the higher coverage is not available on grazing crops.

The following crops in Campbell County have a NAP application closing date of April 1, 2015: millet, oats, barley and any other spring seeded grain for hay crops.

Eligible producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the April 1st deadline. Producers also pay a fixed premium for higher coverage. Beginning, limited resource and underserved producers may request a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when the application for coverage is filed.

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### **Pulse Crops Nonrecourse MALs and LDPs**

Pulse crop MALs provide eligible producers interim financing on their production. Instead of selling the crop immediately at harvest when prices are often at their annual lows, producers may pledge their production as loan collateral, receiving loan proceeds equal to the loan rate times the quantity placed under loan. MALs mature at the end of the ninth month following the month in which the loan is approved.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a MAL, but who agrees to forgo the MAL, may obtain an LDP. The LDP rate equals the amount by which the applicable loan rate where the commodity is stored exceeds the effective MAL repayment rate for the respective commodity. The LDP amount equals the LDP rate times the quantity of the commodity for which the LDP is requested.

To be eligible for a MAL or LDP, the pulse crop must:

- Have been produced, mechanically harvested by an eligible producer and be in storable condition;
- Be merchantable for food, feed, or other uses as determined by CCC and;
- Meet specific CCC minimum grade and quality standards for non-recourse MALs.
- Meet Application Deadline of March 31, 2015

#### **Commodity      Loan Rate per Bushel**

Barley	\$1.87
Oats	\$1.32
Wheat-HR winter	\$2.59
Wheat-HR spring	\$3.33

Currently, there are no effective LDP rates available on any of the above crops in Campbell County. Please call the county office for more information or updated LDP rates.

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

The ARC/PLC program replaces the DCP program. The following summarizes the remaining phases of ARCPLC.

**Phase 3** - March 31, 2015 - ARCPLC 1-time elections by current producers on a farm. Base reallocation and yield updates have been extended to the March 31st deadline for 2015 also.

**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](http://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.

The deadline to sign-up for this new program is approaching quickly. Please call the office to make an appointment to make your election by the ***March 31, 2015 deadline***.

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## **Current Programs and Important Dates:**

### **2015 Fall Acreage Reports**

Please contact the FSA County office, as soon as possible, to complete your 2015 fall acreage report. If you planted a fall seeded crop, you will need your final plant date.

### **2014 Hay Production Reports**

Reports of 2014 hay production can be made at this time. The deadline for these reports is July 2015.

Please contact the county office while this information is fresh in your mind.

### **Documentation of Livestock Losses for LIP**

Be certain you are documenting adverse weather conditions along with documentation of losses of livestock due to weather. Cause of death, temperature, winds and moisture conditions at the time of loss are necessary. This documentation will be required in the event you suffer catastrophic losses.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 31, 2015 - Application Deadline 2014 Crop MALs and LDPs**

**March 31, 2015 – Deadline for ARC/PLC Elections**

**April 1, 2015 - Deadline to purchase NAP coverage for spring planted crops**

**April 8, 2015 - 1:00 pm - Next scheduled COC meeting**

**IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops**

**--Notify County office of any changes in Direct Deposit information,**

**--Payment limitation changes, Farm records changes, Banking info changes, etc.**

**Any time --CRP Continuous Signup**

**--Paid measurement services from FSA**

**Office Hours are from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Producers are urged to call for an appointment, so the office staff can assist you timely. Due to the computer environment, some applications/processes are unable to be completed after 4:00pm.**

**If you have any questions regarding any of the above dates or information in this newsletter, please contact the County office for more information (307) 682-8843, ext.2.**