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## Campbell County FSA Updates

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### A Note from the Farm Loan Manager and Acting CED

Join Us.....Friday, September 6, 2019, 1:00pm, at 121 E Main St, the Sundance State Bank Meeting Room, on Second Street in the Post Office Building in Sundance Wyoming.

The Crook County Farm Service Agency is holding an informational meeting and has extended an invitation to all Campbell County Producers.

#### "Your Operation and the 2018 Farm Bill"

Learn about:

- \* programs that can assist your operation with crop, grazing, livestock or honeybee losses.
- \* programs to assist producers after blizzards, fires, hail, tornados and other extreme weather events.

Learn about operating loans, ownership loans, youth loans, and farm facility loans.

Can we help you recover?..... Can we help you with funding?.....

Jody Cheser, Vice-Chairperson  
Travis Busenitz, Member

There will be discussion on what the different programs cover , as well as eligibility and documentation requirements For additional information please call 307-283-2870, ext 2.

#### **Next County Committee**

**Meeting:** Sept. 4 @1:00pm

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Sept. 2, 2019 – County Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday**

**Sept. 6, 2019 - Public Meeting - Sundance WY - See above.....**

**Oct. 14, 2019 – County Office Closed – Columbus Day Holiday**

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## **USDA Opens Signup for Market Facilitation Program**

*Enrollment Now Open through Dec. 6*

Signup began for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP), a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program to assist farmers who continue to suffer from damages because of unjustified trade retaliation from foreign nations. Through MFP, USDA will provide up to \$14.5 billion in direct payments to impacted producers, part of a broader trade relief package announced in late July. The sign-up period runs through Dec. 6.

MFP payments will be made to producers of certain non-specialty and specialty crops as well as dairy and hog producers.

### **Non-Specialty Crops**

MFP payments will be made to producers of **alfalfa hay**, **barley**, canola, **corn**, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, **millet**, mustard seed, **oats**, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, **sorghum/sudan**, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, **triticale**, upland cotton, and **wheat. (bolded crops in Campbell County)**

MFP assistance for 2019 crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings to the MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer's total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. [View payment rates by county.](#)

### **Dairy and Hogs**

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

### **Specialty Crops**

MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng, fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

### **More Information**

Payments will be made in up to three tranches, with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second and third tranches will be made in November and early January.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000, or 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for those tax years must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

More information can be found on [farmers.gov/mfp](http://farmers.gov/mfp), including payment information and a program application.

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## Farm Loan Graduation Reminder

FSA Direct Loans are considered a temporary source of credit that is available to producers who do not meet normal underwriting criteria for commercial banks.

FSA periodically conducts Direct Loan graduation reviews to determine a borrower's ability to graduate to commercial credit. If the borrower's financial condition has improved to a point where they can refinance their debt with commercial credit, they will be asked to obtain other financing and partially or fully pay off their FSA debt.

By the end of a producer's operating cycle, the Agency will send a letter requesting a current balance sheet, actual financial performance and a projected farm budget. The borrower has 30 days to return the required financial documents. This information will be used to evaluate the borrower's potential for refinancing to commercial credit.

If a borrower meets local underwriting criteria, FSA will send the borrower's name, loan type, balance sheet and projected cash flow to commercial lenders. The borrower will be notified when loan information is sent to local lenders.

If any lenders are interested in refinancing the borrower's loan, FSA will send the borrower a letter with a list of lenders that are interested in refinancing the loan. The borrower must contact the lenders and complete an application for commercial credit within 30 calendar days.

If a commercial lender rejects the borrower, the borrower must obtain written evidence that specifies the reasons for rejection and submit to their local FSA farm loan office.

If a borrower fails to provide the requested financial information or to graduate, FSA will notify the borrower of noncompliance, FSA's intent to accelerate the loan, and appeal rights.

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## Reporting 2019 Production of NAP Crops

As soon as harvest is completed you need to call for an appointment to report your 2018 NAP crop production. Producers were provided maps of your fields to record your production on. Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding production reporting.

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Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Rob Weppner at 307-682-8843 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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