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## Fremont County FSA Updates

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### Monthly Message From Your Local County Office

Lauren Evans, our Program Technician, resigned this month. We are happy for her to have more time with her family but also sad to have lost her! The position is vacant but we are hoping to be able to fill it soon. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our team, please keep a watch on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov).

Many of you have probably heard on the radio about Marketing Facilitation Program (MFP). This program is to assist producers with financial losses that might have occurred due to the trade tariffs. We had the program last year but the rate was extremely low. This year the entire state of Wyoming's rate has been established at \$15.00 an acre. Currently the eligible crops grown here in Fremont County are straight alfalfa, corn, oats, barley, triticale, and beans.

I will be out of the office at a National NAP Training the first week of August and then will need to train the state when I return. I am the only program staff in the office so I would like to encourage you all to wait to apply for the new MFP program until we know more details about the program and we have staff in the office. The deadline is not until December, so we have time to get applications processed; moreover, I can run reports to know who has the eligible crops and, provided we have current contact information, we will make sure you do not miss out on benefits!

Stan Horton - Vice- Chairman  
Will O'Neal- Member

County Committee Election Nomination period has closed. Those of you in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3, which includes the Lander and Dubois area, will be receiving your ballots this fall. If you have addresses that need to be updated, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Next County Committee Meeting: August 12, 2019**

Thank you all for your business and patience! We look forward to helping you!

## Market Facilitation Program (MFP)

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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, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat.

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 parts, with the second and third part evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second and third part 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](https://farmers.gov/mfp), including payment information and a program application.

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## 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 \$5,000.

### 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.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

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Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Annie Bryce](#) at 307-856-7524 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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