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Lincoln County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

County Office Message

COC Election Reminder: The 2019 COC election period began June 14, 2019 and ends August 1, 2019. Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 is up for election. Please turn in nomination forms by August 1, 2019.

NAP Reminder: Don't forget to file a notice of loss this year if you have had damage to your crops or pasture. Please also note that starting this year we will need updated leases on file for NAP. This is a new provision in the 2018 Farm Bill.

Farm Records: If you pick up any new places, lose any places, form a new entity, etc. let us know ASAP to allow us to keep your records correct and up to date. This will help ensure you are eligible for payments.

Text Reminders: FSANOW text messaging provides the most up to date alerts from our office. Simply text **WYLINCOLN** to FSANOW (**372-669**) to subscribe to text message alerts. Standard text messaging rates apply. Contact your wireless carrier for details associated with your particular data plan. Participants may unsubscribe at any time. **This is a great tool to keep you informed of deadlines, please sign up today!**

Upcoming Holiday: The Lincoln County Office will be closed on September 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day.

Please call the office if you need more information or have questions.

Nominations Open for the 2019 County Committee Elections

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a three-year term. To be eligible for nomination and hold office as a committee member or alternate, a person must fulfill each of the following requirements: (1) be a producer with an interest in farming or ranching operations, (2) participate or cooperate in any FSA program provided for by law, (3) be a U.S. citizen, (4) be of legal voting age, (5) meet the basic eligibility requirements, and (6) reside in the county or multi-county jurisdiction in which they will be serving.

All nomination forms for the 2019 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA service center by Aug. 1, 2019. For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: *Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member* available online at: fsa.usda.gov/elections.

The LAA up for election in the 2019 COC Election is #2. LAA #2 includes the area of the Upper Valley in the Star Valley area of Lincoln County.

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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