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## Park County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee Meeting: October 9, 2019**

### USDA Opens Signup for Market Facilitation Program

*Enrollment Open through December 6, 2019*

Signup is ongoing 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 December 6, 2019.** 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 Campbell County producers of alfalfa hay, barley, corn, millet, oats, sorghum/sudan, triticale, 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.

**More Information** 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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## 2019 NAP Production Reporting & 2020 NAP Coverage Purchase Deadline

Producers are reminded, it is time to complete your 2019 Production Reports. Please contact the county office if you have any questions regarding production reporting.

**2019 Deadline to purchase NAP on Fall seeded and Perennial forage crops**, December 1, 2019 – Is the deadline to purchase NAP Coverage for fall seeded and perennial forage crops (including native grazing) for crop year 2020. December 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline to purchase NAP coverage for honey.

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of December 1.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage crops, grazing crops and honey.

The following are some of the crops in Campbell County that have a NAP application deadline of **December 1, 2019**: Native Range intended for grazing, grass hay crops, Fall-planted small grain crops intended for hay and honey production.

Please call the county office for more information and if you have any questions regarding if NAP coverage is available for YOUR crops.

Contact Federal Crop insurance regarding deadlines on the crops insured by RMA.

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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.

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