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Platte County FSA Updates

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Message from the CED

We are continuing signup for the 2019 Market Facilitation Program. If you had eligible crops (alfalfa, corn, beans, oats, millet, sorghum, barley, wheat, triticale) planted in 2019 you might be eligible for a payment. Producers of commercially marketed milk and hogs are also eligible for an MFP payment. We encourage you to call the office to check on your eligibility.

Signup for the ARC & PLC programs for 2019 has opened. Signup for 2020 will begin October 7, 2019.

Fall crops acreage reporting must be completed by November 15, 2019.

Additionally, we would like to remind you of the Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) that we have available through our office. These are nine-month loans at a low interest rate that allow you to market your commodity later but get the money now that will help your cash flow. It's a fairly easy process that is a good marketing tool for you. If you are interested in a MAL stop by our office for more information. Covered commodities include corn, barley, wheat, and oats.

Next County Committee Meeting: Oct 3, 2019 @ 9am

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Pam Metz at 307-322-4050 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339

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.

Bank Accounts: As we begin making payments in October it is important to make sure we have the right banking information. If you have opened, closed or changed accounts since your last payment, please let the office know to ensure that your payments are not delayed.

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 **WYPLATTE** 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!**

Dates to Remember:

Oct 14, 2019 - County Office Closed- Columbus Day Holiday

Nov 11, 2019 - County Office Closed - Veterans Day Holiday

Nov 15, 2019 – Fall crop acreage reporting deadline Nov 28, 2019 - County Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec 1, 2019- 2020 NAP Application for Coverage Deadline

Dec 2, 2019 - Deadline to return County Committee Election Ballots

Dec 6, 2019 - 2019 MFP signup deadline

Best Regards, Pam Metz, CED

2019 NAP Production Reporting & 2020 NAP Coverage Purchase Deadline

Producers are reminded, it is time to complete your 2019 Production Reports. As soon as harvest is completed, you need to come in the office to report your 2019 NAP crop production. 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 1st 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 Platte 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.

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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SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).