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Sheridan~Johnson County FSA Updates

Sheridan-Johnson County FSA Office **From the Desk of Linda Benzel, CED**

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Hello Producers,

There's a saying "Make Hay in the Sunshine!" Well it isn't without trying! Seems like daily the clouds have been rolling in with rain, sometimes accompanied with hail. We hope amongst the unpredictable weather the hay is getting baled and stacked. For those of you who are unfortunate to have lost your hay crop or rangeland grazing to hail damage, please give us a call within 15 days of the event to report a loss. Staci, Justine and I hope the remainder of your summer goes without a hitch!

Changing Bank Accounts

FSA program payments are issued electronically into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify your FSA servicing office if you close your account or if your bank information is changed for whatever reason (such as your financial institution merging or being purchased). Payments can be delayed if FSA is not notified of changes to account and bank routing numbers.

For some programs, payments are not made until the following year. For example, payments for crop year 2018 through the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage program aren't paid until 2019. If the bank account was closed due to the death of an individual or dissolution of an entity or partnership before the payment was issued, please notify your local FSA office as soon as possible to claim your payment.

Gerry Miller, Member
Susan Moyes, SD Advisor

Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

Every Season is #scamseason

Remember to discuss your USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) account information only with people you recognize and trust. If you have questions about your FSA accounts, contact the County FSA office at 307-683-4202.

Best Regards,

Linda Benzel, CED

ARC/PLC Acreage Maintenance

Producers enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs must protect all cropland and noncropland acres on the farm from wind and water erosion and noxious weeds. Producers who sign ARC county or individual contracts and PLC contracts agree to effectively control noxious weeds on the farm according to sound agricultural practices. If a producer fails to take necessary actions to correct a maintenance problem on a farm that is enrolled in ARC or PLC, the County Committee may elect to terminate the contract for the program year.

Sheridan County is Eligible for Emergency Loans

Sheridan County was declared a contiguous disaster due to blizzards, excessive snow, excessive wind, freeze, winter storms, high winds, and extreme cold that occurred from January 1, 2019 through March 21, 2019. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county may be eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact Rob Weppner, Farm Loan Manager (307) 682-8843 Ext 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Linda Benzel](mailto:Linda.Benzel@fsc.wy.gov) at [307-683-4202](tel:3076834202) or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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