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Niobrara County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: September 14, 2016

Livestock Forage Program

Niobrara County livestock producers who have suffered a grazing loss due to the drought in the northern portion of the county may be eligible for assistance under the **Livestock Forage Disaster Program** (LFP). LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for a three month period (based on drought severity). Applicants will need to provide documentation of grazing acres and documents that show livestock inventory numbers.

If you have suffered a grazing loss due to drought in 2016 please call the office to set up an appointment to file an application.

2016 Crop Production Records

NAP producers, now is the time to submit production evidence for your 2016 crops. Submitting production evidence for harvested crops, such as bale counts and weights are necessary to maintain accurate yields for coverage. Accurate yields are essential in calculating payments for losses. You can still submit previous year's records if you forgot in the past and those values will be used for your 2017 approved yield.

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 adviser, producer 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.

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