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Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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Filing a Notice of Loss for Crops Covered Under Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP)

A Notice of Loss (CCC-576) is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by a producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including pasture grass. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Office the earlier of:

- 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop first becomes apparent.
- 15 days after the normal harvest.

The Notice of Loss notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, in person, email, fax, or phone. Producers who notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576 are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

If you have a 2016 NAP policy and are suffering from drought related losses, please stop by the office to complete a Notice of Loss. Additionally Notices of Losses can be filed on pasture losses from wildfires.

Losses Due to Fire

If you have lost grazing and/or livestock to wildfires in Washakie or Hot Springs County, please contact the office. Losses may be eligible for assistance under the 2014 Farm Bill Livestock Disaster Programs.

LFP (Livestock Forage Program) assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on federally managed land. The applicant must provide documentation that grazing was prohibited or lessened by the Federal Agency managing the lease. Applications must be filed no later than January 30, 2017.

ELAP (Emergency Livestock Assistance Program) assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on non-federally managed land (owned, leased, State) or additional feed purchases to replace lost feed. The applicant must provide proof that livestock was removed from affected acreage and/or receipts from additional feed purchases. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Assistance may be available for livestock death losses from man-made fire. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program) assistance may be available for livestock death losses from natural caused fire. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Please call the office to find out more about these programs and how they may assist you!

USDA Offers Targeted Farm Loan Funding for Underserved Groups and Beginning Farmers

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program provides for two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans. In addition to customary farm operating and ownership loans, FSA now offers Microloans through the direct loan program. The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations. Microloans are available for both ownership and operating finance needs. To learn more about microloans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Lisa Bower](#) at 307-347-2456 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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