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Next County Committee Meeting: 10/19/16 @ 1:00 p.m.

Reporting 2016 Hay Production/Notices of Loss

The deadline for reporting forage production on crops covered by Non-Insurable Crop Assistance Program (NAP) and for filing an application for payment on crop losses including pasture is November 15, 2016. As you finish haying, please turn in your production to the County Office so that we may timely record the data. There are no late filed provisions. The County Committee will assign a yield for any Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program crop for which production is not reported timely. Assigned yields usually reduce your actual yield. A reduced proven yield results in reduced payment on losses.

Crop Reporting Deadline Change

All fall-seeded and perennial crops are to be reported to FSA no later than November 15th of the preceding calendar year. CY2017 perennial crops need to be reported to FSA no later than November 15, 2016 and spring-seeded crops must be reported to FSA by July 15th, 2017.

Office Closure

The County Office will be closed September 20, 21, and 22, 2016 so that employees can attend Statewide training in Casper. The office will reopen on September 23, 2016. Thank you for your understanding.

2017 Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Application for Coverage Deadline

Weston County FSA Office is accepting applications for 2017 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and will continue through close of business April 1, 2017. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of crop or prevented planting occur due to a natural disaster. Consider NAP as an option to provide assistance in the

event that the drought continues through 2017. There are no provisions for late filed applications. The NAP is available to producers who are landowners, tenants, or sharecroppers, who share in the risk of producing an eligible crop and are entitled to an ownership share of that crop. Eligible crops must be commercially produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available and be any of the following:

- Crops grown for food
- Crops planted and grown for livestock consumption, including, but not limited to small grain forage and grass forage, including native grasses as well as grazed acres of rangeland

For further information on whether a crop is eligible for NAP coverage, producers must contact the FSA county office where their farm records are maintained. NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage. Two independent assessments are obtained to determine the percent of loss on rangeland and improved grazed acres in the county during a designated drought. Losses on forage acres are determined by actual harvested production vs. expected production or appraised by a certified Crop Adjuster. Please do not hesitate to contact the County Office, for information on this program or other available programs at 307-746-2701.

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