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## Crook County Wyoming FSA Updates

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### Next County Committee Meeting: October 21

## CROP REPORTS

The annual timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs, including ARC/PLC, NAP and CRP.

Crop reports, form FSA-578 Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. In Wyoming, producers had until July 15, 2015 to timely file their 2015 acreage reports for spring seeded crops and CRP. Reports filed after this date may be subject to a late-filing fee.

### 2016 and subsequent years' acreage reporting deadlines:

- **Spring seeded crops and CRP-July 15, 2016**
- **Perennial Forage, Fall Wheat, and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains-November 15, 2015**

**This means your 2016 (crops to be harvested in 2016) perennial hay/forage crops, pasture grass, and winter wheat reporting deadline is November 15, 2015.**

Prevented Planting: needs to be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Failed Acreage: must be filed before disposition of the crop. Producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

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## CROP PRODUCTION REPORTS - NAP PROGRAM PURPOSES

Crop production from current year crops must be reported by the applicable FSA-578 Report of Acreage for the next year's crop. For example:

**Oat hay production: planted and harvested in 2015, must be reported no later than July 15, 2016 (the deadline for the 2016 crop acreage report).**

**Mixed Grass hay production: harvested in 2015, must be reported by November 15, 2015 (the deadline for the**

**2016 crop acreage report).**

**Failure to timely report production will result in disapproval of any notice of loss filed on a NAP covered crop.**

For example: 2015 mixed grass hay production submitted in June of 2016. A notice of loss is filed in August 2016. The notice of loss will be disapproved because the 2015 production was not reported by November 15, 2015. Producers with NAP policies should pay close attention to these reporting dates to ensure their eligibility in a crop loss situation.

Additionally, these production reports are used in the NAP program to establish and/or maintain the current year APH (payment yield). In the above example: If 2015's production is not timely filed it cannot be used in the yield history report to establish the APH (payment yield) for year 2016. That means a zero would be entered in the yield data base for 2015 – this can have significant effects on the 2016 APH yield.

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## **NAP PROGRAM CROP SALES CLOSING DATE - CHANGES!!!**

The sales closing date to purchase coverage on NAP eligible crops has changed. All perennial hay crops, pasture grass, and winter wheat now have a sales closing date of April 1st.

The sales closing date for all spring planted crops remains the same at April 1st. Honey coverage remains unchanged. It must be purchased by December 1st.

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