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Big Horn County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting:
April 13, 2016 tentatively

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The sales closing date to purchase coverage on NAP eligible crops has changed. All perennial hay crops, pasture grass, winter wheat, and all spring seeded crops now have a sales closing date of April 1st. NAP offers a "buy-up" coverage on all eligible crops harvested for forage (hay). Through the "buy-up" option, coverage can be purchased for levels of 50, 55, 60 and 65 % of the yield, at 100% of the crop price. Premiums are minimal and are paid in addition to the \$250 per crop service fee for the NAP policy. Call the office to see how "buy-up" coverage can work for you.

If you currently have a 2016 NAP basic coverage policy you simply come to the office, select which level of buy-up coverage you want and sign the policy. If you do not currently have a 2016 NAP basic policy you can still purchase buy up coverage by paying the \$250 service fee per crop and then select the level of buy up coverage and sign all necessary forms.

FSA has a great tool to calculate premiums and loss payments at www.fsa.usapas.com/NAP. Remember, the **deadline to purchase NAP coverage is April 1, 2016.**

National Agriculture Day Honors Stewards of a Healthy Planet – March 15, 2016

March 15 is National Agriculture Day – a day designated each year by the Agriculture Council of America to celebrate the accomplishments of the ag industry. Big Horn County FSA joins the council in recognizing farmers and ranchers for their contributions to the nation's exceptional quality of life. This year's theme is **Agriculture: Stewards of a Healthy Planet.**

Each American farmer and rancher feeds about 144 people and, because you are the Original Stewards of the Land, you proactively implement conservation practices and utilize precision technology to ensure abundant, safe and affordable food, clothing and shelter—the basic necessities of life for generations to come.

All of us here at the Big Horn County USDA Service celebrate our farmers and ranchers on National Ag Day and Every Day! We

thank you for continuing to feed our nation and the world.

For more information on National Agriculture Day, visit www.agday.org.

Loan Servicing

There are options for Farm Service Agency loan customers during financial stress. If you are a borrower who is unable to make payments on a loan, contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager to learn about the options available to you.

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