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Big Horn County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: November 9, 2016 1:30PM

Livestock Forage Program- LFP

Big Horn County is eligible for LFP drought assistance and has begun taking signups. Livestock producer who suffered a grazing loss on non-irrigated pasture lands in the 2016 grazing season should contact the office to schedule an appointment to complete their application. Producers have until January 30, 2017 to enroll in the program.

Livestock Numbers

Our grazing season is April 1- October 15. You will need to bring in livestock numbers for the beginning date of the grazing season, April 1. Cattle are split into 2 categories for payment, adult cattle and non-adult cattle 500 lbs or more, All sheep and goats are paid at one payment rate.

Crop Reports

The number of pasture acres and intended grazed crop acres used by the livestock must be reported on form FSA-578 Report of Acreage. If a FSA-578 was not submitted timely on the grazed acreages a late-file fee of $31 per farm will be assessed in order to file the acreage report.

Leases

Written leases for leased land or a CCC-855 Lease Agreement Certification must be submitted on any non-federal leased land. Producers with BLM, State, or Forest Service leases must submit those leases.

For more information about LFP, contact the Big Horn County FSA Office.

NAP (NON-INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

Producers who purchased NAP for grazing for the 2016 growing season could be eligible for a payment on the forage loss. Big Horn County FSA committee will meet on November 9th to establish a county wide grazing loss level. NAP policy holders will need to submit a notice of loss and application for payment for their 2016 grazing losses with this office. If you have questions concerning your eligibility for the NAP grazing loss please stop by our office or call us at the number listed in this bulletin.

NAP is an annual signup and must be purchased every year to have coverage. If you are interested in purchasing NAP for the 2017 crop year the deadline for purchase is April 1, 2017 at a cost of $250 per crop per administrative county, up to $750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed $1,875 per producer. For more information on this program contact this office.

2017 Crop Reporting

All fall seeded and perennial crop acreage needs to be reported to FSA no later than **November 15**. If you fall seeded any crops please stop in and report them. If you have any perennial crops, they should have rolled over on the crop reports, but you still need to sign the crop report.

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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