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Campbell County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: August 17 @1:00pm

Upcoming Reporting Deadlines

2017 Fall Acreage Reports

Please contact the FSA County office to complete your 2017 fall acreage report. If you are planting a fall seeded crop, you will need to wait to report your planted acres and the final plant date. Contact the county office to make an appointment to complete your reports. The deadline to complete your fall acreage report is **November 15, 2016**.

2016 Hay Production Reports

Reports of 2016 hay production can be made at this time. The deadline for these reports is November 15, 2016. Please contact the county office while this information is fresh in your mind.

Reporting 2016 NAP Losses

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program Sign-up Begins - By Appointment ONLY

The Campbell County FSA Office will be accepting applications for the Livestock Forage Program **by appointment only** starting August 22, 2016. The program provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses on native and/or improved pastureland with permanent cover. Payments are calculated on monthly feed costs. The monthly feed cost for covered livestock is based, in part, on the number of pounds of corn equivalent per head, determined necessary to provide the energy requirements for the specific kind/type of livestock for 30 calendar days. Calculated payments will be equal to 68% of the lesser of either the monthly feed cost for all covered livestock owned or leased by the eligible livestock producer or by using the

normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land of the eligible livestock producer. Sequestration of 6.8% will also apply. Please call the Campbell County Office at 307-682-8843, ext. 2 to set up an appointment to complete your application.

Please be prepared to provide the following information to FSA when you arrive for your appointment to apply for the Livestock Forage Program.

1. New or renewed leases that have not been reported to FSA.
2. Deed or proof of ownership for any purchased land that has not been reported to FSA.
3. Entity paper work, if you are applying as an entity. This must include signature authority for the entity.
4. The number of livestock that normally would be grazing your pastures on July 19, 2016 broken down into the following categories:

Beef

- Adult cows and bulls
- Non-adult 500 pounds or more
- Date bulls were put in with cows

Sheep

- All

Goats

- All

Equine

- All

Also, number of livestock in any of the following categories that were sold due to the drought from May 20, 2016 to July 19, 2016:

Beef

- Adult cows and bulls
- Non-adult 500 pounds or more

Sheep

- All

Goats

- All

Equine

- All

The deadline to apply for LFP is January 30, 2017.

Be sure you have records available to substantiate your livestock numbers. If you are pulled for a spot check, you will be required to provide those records.

Appointments Save Time!

Calling the County Office for an appointment really does save you time. Please call our office ahead of your visit to set an appointment and to discuss any records or documentation that you may need to have with you when you arrive for your appointment. The office staff then has time to get your file and paperwork prepared for your arrival, this results in fewer missed or forgotten steps. Every county office has MANY producers, files and forms to keep track of and applications to complete. Having time to compile your info, in advance, streamlines these processes. Same day appointments are sometimes available, call before you leave for town.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug. 22, 2016 – Livestock Forage Disaster Program Signup Begins – By Appointment ONLY

Sept. 5, 2016 - Labor Day Holiday – County Office Closed

Sept, 20-22, 2016 – County Office Closed – All Employees attending Statewide Training

Nov. 15, 2016 – 2016 NAP Crop Production Reports Deadline

Nov, 15, 2016 – 2017 Fall Acreage Reports Deadline

IMMEDIATELY --File Notification of Loss Forms within 15 Days of Loss of crops and/or livestock

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