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Fremont County Producers May be Eligible for Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Assistance

Excessive moisture and flooding has caused severe damage in many areas of the Fremont County. Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Fremont County Farm Service Agency (FSA). For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

- be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use
- is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affect the productive capacity of the farmland
- impair or endanger the land

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence. The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland
- grading, shaping, or releveling severely damaged farmland
- restoring permanent fences
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installations

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from now until **September 15, 2016**.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed
- the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area
- the Agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc., required for rehabilitation

For more information about ECP, please contact the Fremont County FSA Office or visit

www.fsa.usda.gov/sc.

Filing a Notice of Loss for Crops Covered Under Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP)

A Notice of Loss (CCC-576) is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by a producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including pasture grass. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576 in the Fremont County FSA Office the earlier of:

- 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop first becomes apparent.
- 15 days after the normal harvest.

The Notice of Loss notification can be provided by filing a CCC-576, in person, email, fax, or phone. Producers who notify the County Office by any method other than by filing the CCC-576 are still required to file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, within the required 15 calendar days.

Range assessments are usually made at the end of the growing season, which for Fremont County is considered October 1st. The National Drought Monitor is not currently reflecting drought in Fremont County; however, NAP assessments are independent of the National Drought Monitor. If you have a 2016 NAP policy and are suffering from drought related losses, please stop by the office to complete a Notice of Loss. Additionally Notices of Losses can be filed on pasture losses from wildfires.

Lava Mountain Fire

If you have lost grazing and/or livestock to wildfires in Fremont County, please contact the office. Losses may be eligible for assistance under the 2014 Farm Bill Livestock Disaster Programs.

LFP (Livestock Forage Program) assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on federally managed land. The applicant must provide documentation that grazing was prohibited or lessened by the Federal Agency managing the lease. Applications must be filed no later than January 30, 2017.

ELAP (Emergency Livestock Assistance Program) assistance may be available for grazing losses sustained on non-federally managed land (owned, leased, State) or additional feed purchases to replace lost feed. The applicant must provide proof that livestock was removed from affected acreage and/or receipts from additional feed purchases. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Assistance may be available for livestock death losses from man-made fire. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program) assistance may be available for livestock death losses from natural caused fire. Notice of loss may be made by phone, fax, email or in person. Notice of loss must be filed in the County office within 30 days of losses becoming apparent.

Please call the office to find out more about these programs and how they may assist you!

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