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Laramie County FSA Updates

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October 13, 2016

Laramie County Comments

Greetings Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers. We hope that your fall work is going well. We would like to remind everyone that tomorrow, September 14th, we will be hosting our Wednesday Workshop on the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LIP is a program that compensates producers for livestock losses due to weather events such as blizzards, lightning strike, flood, etc. We will also be providing information about County Committee (COC) such as COC duties, nominations, becoming a member and encouraging participation from all underrepresented groups of producers.

We also want to let wheat producers know that we are still currently issuing Loan Deficiency payments (LDPs) due to the low markets. If you have not signed up your 2016 wheat to receive an LDP, please give our office a call for more information. Lastly, please also give us a call after you finish planting your 2017 wheat crop, so that we can schedule you an appointment for certifying. All fall crops, grasses and alfalfa are required to be certified before November 15th.

The office phone number is 307-772-2314 option 2.

Marketing Assistance Available for 2016 Wheat, Other Crops in Laramie County

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized 2014-2018 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs).

In Wyoming, wheat prices are near a range where LDPs may be applicable, so producers should become familiar with the process to access this assistance.

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, as well as other commodities such as feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a MAL, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such a payment is available.

To be eligible for an MAL or an LDP, producers must have a beneficial interest in the commodity, in addition to other requirements. A producer retains beneficial interest when control of and title to the commodity is maintained. For an LDP, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of planting through the date the producer filed [Form CCC-633EZ \(page 1\)](#) in the FSA County Office. For more information, producers should contact their local FSA county office or view the [LDP Fact Sheet](#).

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.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in any Laramie County Farm Service Agency meeting should contact Laura Kessler at 307-772-2314 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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