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Laramie County FSA Updates

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October 13, 2016

Laramie County Comments

Greetings Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers!

Laramie County FSA would like to remind you about our Wednesday Workshop on October 12, 2016. The workshop will be at the Laramie County FSA office at 1:00 p.m. We will be covering e-Gov this session. e-Gov will cover various items that producers can do on-line from home with level 2 eAuthentication access. Such items would include checking payments, filing for LDPs, electronically signing certain contracts in lieu of paper signature and FSA Farm+ (online GIS mapping of your farm).

We are currently trying to correct as much farm mapping as we can for your fall certifications. We ask that all producers call and make an appointment for crop reporting, as we are doing a lot of "clean up" on farms, and are also currently short staffed. Due to these events, we are asking that producers make their appointments soon, so their certifications are done before the November 15th deadline. We thank you for your patience!

Please also note that any NAP and/or ARC-IC producers should begin submitting their production evidence for the 2016 crop year as well.

We hope you are having a happy and healthy fall!

Upcoming Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Laramie County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline. The following acreage reporting date is applicable for Laramie County:

November 15, 2016

All fall planted crops (i.e. Wheat), all grasses, and alfalfa

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Laramie County FSA office at 307-772-2314 ext. 2.

Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or to purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, FSA has provided priority funding for members of targeted underserved applicants.

A targeted underserved applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

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

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