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Lincoln County FSA Updates

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**Next County Committee
Meeting:** TBD

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and is administered by FSA. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops to protect against natural disasters that result in lower yields or crop losses, or disaster events that prevent crop planting.

NAP Producers - - - -

If you thought you missed the December signup deadline -Hold on to your hats!

April 1, 2016 is the new signup deadline for producers to apply for 2016 NAP coverage for both Spring/Fall Seeded NAP crops, hay and grazing. The fee for NAP is \$250.00 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750.00. For producers with interest in multiple counties, the total fee cannot exceed \$1,875.00.

New NAP Coverage Levels

The 2014 Farm Bill allows producers to purchase higher levels of coverage beyond the catastrophic coverage level for an additional premium. New, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers are eligible for free catastrophic coverage and higher levels of coverage for a significantly discounted premium. Additional coverage must be elected by the producer by the application closing date. Producers who elect additional coverage must pay a premium in addition to the service fee. Please Note: Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional coverage.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from adverse weather as well as attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law, including wolves and avian predators.

To be eligible, producers must submit a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock is apparent to the producer.

Please be reminded that good record keeping is essential for this program. Good inventory records as well as death records are strongly encouraged; when possible notate when and why livestock died in a contemporaneous journal, calendar, producer book, etc.

For more information please contact the office at 307-886-9001 ext.2.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

YOUTH LOAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements

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