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Niobrara County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: November 9, 2016

2017 ACREAGE REPORTS

Producers are reminded to report their 2017 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs including ACR-PLC, NAP, LDPs, and LFP. Crop acreage reports for fall seeded crops and perennial forage crops must be certified by **November 15, 2016**.

Please call to make an appointment to report crops.

NAP PRODUCTION RECORDS

NAP producers, now is the time to submit production evidence for your 2016 crops. Submitting production evidence for harvested crops, such as bale counts and weights are necessary to maintain accurate yields for coverage. Accurate yields are essential in calculating payments for losses. You can still submit previous year's records if you forgot in the past and those values will be used for your 2017 approved yield.

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.

Please contact Duane Wisroth, Farm Loan Manager, at (307) 532-4880 for more information or to apply for a loan.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Tommy Stephens at 307-334-3454 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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