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Park County FSA Updates

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Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program Expands to Provide More Lending Opportunities

Producers have even more ways to take advantage of the low interest rates offered through the FSFL Program. New provisions allow:

- Microloans - loans up to \$50,000, with only 5% down payment and self-certification for storage needed.
- Portable or permanently affixed (new or used) storage and handling equipment.
- New or used storage and handling trucks (grain trucks, storage trucks with a chassis unit, skid steers, etc).

All FSFL-financed equipment, structures and storage and handling trucks must have a useful life for at least the FSFL term. Additional information about FSFL is available at your local FSA office or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov

Report Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold. For 2016, eligible losses must occur on or after January 1, 2016, and before December 31, 2016. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are requested:

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions. Producers who suffer livestock losses in 2016 must file both of the following:

- A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent or by January 30, 2017
- An application for payment by March 31, 2017.

Additional information about LIP is available at your local FSA Office.

Acreage Reporting and Plant Dates

Don't forget to keep track of your plant dates since they are required to complete your acreage reporting. Acreage reports can be completed as soon as you have all your crops in the ground, but no later than **July 15th, 2016**.

We are also taking sign-ups for 2016 ARC/PLC. Producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can visit FSA county offices through August 1, 2016, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016.

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