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**Next County Committee
Meeting: Feb. 10 @ 1 p.m.**

What's Happening in Weston County FSA

County Executive Director Peggy Livingston would like to welcome William "Randy" Oleson as the newly elected County Committee Member. Randy will be representing Local Administrative Area #2 formally represented by Doug Materi. Doug completed his 3rd term (the maximum allowed) on December 31st. Randy will assume his new role at the county committee meeting on February 10th. We look forward to working with Randy.

A couple of reminders for producers:

The final date to purchase Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is April 1st. NAP covers most grazed crops and grass and/or small grain hay. For those producers who are looking to cover hay crops not eligible for coverage by FCIC, keep in mind that NAP now offers buy up coverage. If you are interested, stop by and we can run some scenarios for you.

The final date to report spring planted crops is July 1st.

With calving season just around the corner, keep in mind that FSA provides assistance for livestock losses caused by an eligible adverse weather event. Losses must exceed normal mortality and be directly related to the adverse weather event. Producers must be able to provide verifiable documentation including but not limited to veterinary records, tax records, contracts, financial documents, purchase and/or sales records, etc. to show proof and reasonableness of beginning and ending inventory and death loss. In addition, producers may use reliable records such as but not limited to contemporaneous records, pictures of losses that include date, brand inspection records, etc. Producers must also provide documentation that supports the claim of an adverse weather event. This documentation may include but is not limited to personal diaries, calving records, weather sites online that provide historical weather as well as conditions that occurred during the adverse event. To apply for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the participant must file a Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock was apparent. Notice of Loss may be filed by 1 of the following methods: in person, telephone, fax, or email.

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to available FSA programs please contact the County Office.

Guaranteed Loans

GUARANTEED FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN PROGRAM

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. A percentage of guaranteed loan funds is targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt. To learn more, visit: www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans.com

GUARANTEED OPERATING LOAN PROGRAM

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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ECP)

ECP provides funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought. The natural disaster must create new conservation problems, which, if not treated, would 1) impair or endanger the land, 2) materially affect the productive capacity of the land, 3) represent unusual damage which, except for wind erosion, is not the type likely to recur frequently in the same area, and 4) be so costly to repair that federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use. Subject to availability of funds, locally elected county committees are authorized to implement ECP for all disasters except drought, which may be authorized by the FSA national office. Eligible ECP participants may receive financial assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency land rehabilitation practices as determined by county FSA committees; qualified limited resource producers may receive financial assistance of up to 90 percent. To learn more visit: www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.com

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