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Laramie County FSA Updates

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Laramie County Comments

Greetings Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers!

As the planting season is upon us again; please remember to notate your plant dates to make certifying your acres simpler. Spring crop certification deadline is July 16th. Please call the office to schedule an appointment once you are done planting your acres.

Please also remember to sign your ARC/PLC contracts before August 1st, if you haven't already. And as always; please keep the office up-to-date on any operator, landowner, address, phone numbers or banking information changes that you may have.

We also wanted you all to be aware that the nomination period for a county committee member for LAA 1 will be opening up June 15th. LAA 1 is the area East of county road 136 and North of county road 221. Please be thinking of who you would like to nominate.

If you had any damage due to the hail yesterday, or from any hail we may receive, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Looking forward this month; FSA offices will be closed on May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Thank you for all you do!

2018 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

Acreage reporting dates vary by crop and by county so please contact your local FSA office for a list of county-specific deadlines.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the applicable 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 applicable 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 applicable dates or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins. For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact your local FSA office.

Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,399,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your lender or local FSA farm loan office for more information on guaranteed loans.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Laura Kessler](#) at [307-772-2314](tel:307-772-2314) extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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