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BULLETIN



Sweetwater/Sublette/Uinta County FSA Updates

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2016 Crop Reporting

Crop reporting deadlines have changed for FSA program purposes due to Congressional direction.

County Executive Director:
Jennifer Dutton

All fall-seeded and perennial crops are to be reported to FSA no later than **November 15** of the preceding calendar year. For example, 2014 perennial crops should be reported to FSA no later than November 15, 2013. Spring-seeded crops must be reported to FSA by July 15 of the crop year.

Farm Loan Manager:
Brian Harrell

Program Technicians:
Bonnie Hueckstaedt

We will schedule sign-up days in Pinedale, Big Piney, Farson, McKinnon and Lyman, so keep an eye out for your appointment card in the mail. Please call the office if your appointment time and/or date needs to be changed.

County Committee:
Shirley DeLambert (SWT)
Bob Slagowski (SWT)
Pete Arambel (SUB)
Penny Christmas (SUB)
Wes Lopher (UIN)
Kirk Eyre (UIN)
Vance Broadbent (UIN)
L'Nette Iorg (UIN)

Next County Committee Meeting: TBD

NAP PRODUCERS Reporting Hay Production

Customers who have purchased hay policies through NAP must report 2015 production, including bale count, average bale weight, signature and date. After submitting your production evidence, we will have to complete FSA-452, requiring your signature.

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The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is important that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

2016 Election Schedule

November 9	Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters
December 7	Ballots must be returned (or postmarked) to the County Office
December 14	Deadline to count ballots – open to the public

LAA's Holding Elections

2016 Elections will be held in 1 Local Administrative Areas (LAA). LAA #3 in Sublette County is currently represented by Pete Arambel; and LAA #4 in Sublette County is currently represented by Penny Chrisman.

LAA#2 in Uinta County is currently represented by Wes Lupher.

2016 NAP Policies Hay and Grazing

Customers who would like NAP catastrophic insurance coverage for the 2016 crop year need to purchase their policy no later than **April 1, 2016**. This is a change from previous years where the policy had to be purchased by December 1. You may pay your service fee any time prior to April 1, 2016.

Service fees are \$250 per crop per county. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing a NAP policy or would like more information about the program. Participants may receive both NAP grazing payments and LFP (Livestock Forage Program) payments in the same crop year, in the event of qualifying losses.

Direct Loans

FSA offers direct farm ownership and direct farm operating Loans to producers who want to establish, maintain or strengthen their farm or ranch. FSA loan officers process, approve and

service direct loans.

Direct farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other costs including family living expenses. Operating loans can also be used to finance minor improvements or repairs to buildings and to refinance some farm-related debts, excluding real estate.

Direct farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, enlarge an existing farm, construct and repair buildings, and to make farm improvements.

The maximum loan amount for both direct farm ownership and operating loans is \$300,000 and a down payment is not required. 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 local FSA office for more information or to apply for a direct farm ownership or operating loan.

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