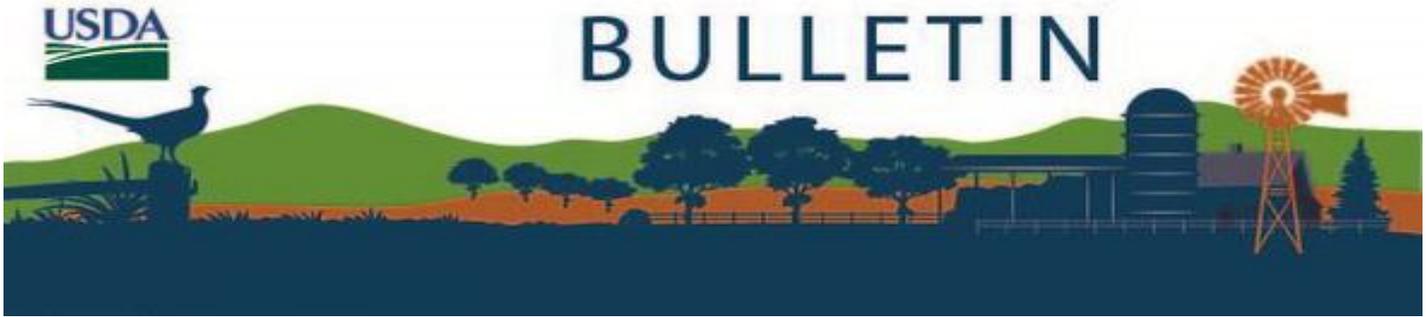


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Laramie County Comments

Greetings Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers. We are extremely busy trying to get records updated for producers right now. Please make sure if you have any changes to let us know as soon as possible. This could be bank accounts, sale of land, deed of land to a trust, new operator etc. We would also encourage individuals to attend our Wednesday Workshops that are always held the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. The April 13th topic is Farm Loan Partnerships. This workshop will highlight what other lending opportunities there are in conjunction with Farm Service Agency Farm Loans. Opportunities such as split financing, joint financing and guaranteed loans will be discussed. On another note.....is it safe to safe we are on our way to spring? We would just like to remind producers who have livestock to make sure and report any livestock losses due to adverse weather to the office for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). With our warming temperatures and sudden snow storms we see an increase in death loss in livestock and want producers to know there are potential payments to help with these losses. We want to wish everyone well as we merge into spring and leave winter behind.

Laramie County Producers Urged to Consider Risk Protection Coverage before Crop Sales Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of April 1st.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial

grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in Laramie County have a NAP application deadline of April 1, 2016. The following are our counties predominant crops but others are potentially available: all grazing forages, mixed forage FG, native grass and all other grasses FG, millet FG, Oat FG, soybeans GR, sorghum GR, garbanzo beans DE and lentil DE.

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price available, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers. Crops intended for grazing are not eligible for additional NAP coverage.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Laramie County FSA office at 307-772-2314 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).