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Laramie County FSA Updates

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Next COC Meeting
May 12, 2016

Laramie County Comments

Greetings Laramie County Farmers and Ranchers. We are asking your help in finding some additional help for our office. Laramie County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has a temporary, Full-time Program Technician position open. Position will consist of filing, answering telephones and basic computer data entry. The position is located at the Laramie County FSA Office, 11221A US Hwy 30 Cheyenne WY 82009. Phone: 307-772-2314. Applications must be filed on form FSA-675 and may be obtained at the Laramie County FSA Office or obtained online www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_675_form.pdf. Applications will be accepted at the Laramie County FSA Office through close of business April 13, 2016. For questions, please contact the Laramie County Office at 307-772-2314. FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Don't forget our next Wednesday Workshops will be held April 13th at 1:00 p.m. and the 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. We look forward to seeing all of our producers in the next few months as you come in to report your spring planted crop acreages and finish completing your ARC/PLC contracts. Please contact us as soon as you are done planting and schedule and appointment.

2016 Acreage Reporting Dates

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

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Laramie County:

July 15, 2016: All spring seeded crops and CRP. This is a final deadline for the 2016 crop year.

November 15, 2017: Wheat, all forages (hayed & grazed) and other summer seeded crops.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above 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 above 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 dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins. For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Laramie County FSA office at 307-772-2314.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

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