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Next County Committee Meeting: To Be Announced

Buyers of Agricultural Products

It is required that buyers of agricultural products check or register with the Secretary of State's Office to determine if there are liens against the seller of the product. If a lien is found, the buyer is required to place both the lien holder's and Seller's name on the check. Ag products include but are not limited to: livestock (including horses), crops used for feed (hay, silage, oats, etc...), machinery, equipment and all other crops. Failure to place the lien holder's name on the check may result in civil legal action being taken against the Buyer of the product. Protect yourself as a Buyer! You may contact the Secretary of State's Office at (307)777-7311.

Conservation Compliance

The following conditions of eligibility are required to participate in USDA program benefits subject to highly erodible land conservation (HELC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions. Unless an exemption has been granted by USDA, the producer agrees to all the following on all farms which they and any affiliated persons having an interest:

- NOT plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land unless a conservation plan is in place or system approved.
- NOT plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a wetland that was converted after December 23, 1985.
- NOT to have converted a wetland after November 28, 1990, for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making the production of an agricultural commodity possible on such converted wetland.
- NOT to convert a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation, or any other activity that results in impairing or reducing the flow and circulation of water in a way would allow the planting of an agricultural commodity.
- NOT to use proceeds from any Farm Service Agency farm loan, or any USDA financial assistance program, in such a way that might result in negative impacts to a wetland, except for those projects evaluated and approved by NRCS.

Producers who are not in compliance with HELC and WC provisions are not eligible to receive benefits for most programs administered by FSA and NRCS. If a producer receives benefits and is later found to be non-compliant, the producer may be required to refund all benefits received and/or may be assessed a penalty. If you purchase federally reinsured crop insurance and are found "non-compliant" you will not be eligible for any premium subsidy paid by FCIC.

Check with FSA to ensure you have signed form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation

(WC) on file. You also need to check with NRCS to make sure you have a conservation plan in place.

Crop Reporting Deadline is July 15th

Producers are reminded the deadline to report 2015 Spring planted crops is July 15th. The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for various FSA programs. Please stop by before July 15th.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 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).