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Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: May 14th, 2:00 p.m.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Crop reports are required for participation in many FSA programs, such as NAP (Non-insured Crop Assistance Program), CRP (cropland and riparian areas set aside for habitat restoration and preservation), LDP commodity payments, ARC/PLC (Average Revenue Coverage/Price Loss Coverage) and Disaster Program payments. The annual crop report, form FSA-578 Report of Acreage, must account for all rangeland and cropland on a farm, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage.

July 15, 2015 is the deadline to file an acreage report for **SPRING** Seeded Alfalfa Crops, Forage Seeding, and all other **SPRING** seeded crops and any crops not previously recorded. Producers are encouraged to contact our FSA office to set up an appointment to complete their crop report certification before the deadline date.

2015 COC NOMINATIONS

All farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers are encouraged to participate. The county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agriculture issues. Members serve a three-year term.

If you wish to run or want to nominate a fellow producer for the county committee, please contact this office for a nomination form (FSA-669A), also available online at <http://www.fsa/usda/gov>.

LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

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 purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged 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, socially disadvantaged 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.

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