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Washakie-Hot Springs County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: November 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT FSA DEADLINES

2016 Crop Report Deadline

November 15, 2015 is the deadline to file an acreage report on apiculture, PRF, perennial forage and fall-seeded small grains.

January 15, 2016 is the deadline to file an acreage report on established stand alfalfa seed and fall alfalfa seed crops.

July 15, 2016 is the deadline to file an acreage report on spring alfalfa seed, forage seeding and all other crops.

Producers are encouraged to contact our FSA office to set up an appointment to complete their crop report certification before the deadline date. This means your 2016 perennial hay crops, winter wheat, and range reporting deadline is Nov. 15, 2015.

2016 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

This year's election in Washakie County covers LAA 1, everything west of the Big Horn River. David Slover is the candidate for this LAA.

The election in Hot Springs County covers LAA 5, everything east of the Big Horn River, plus those west of the river that get their irrigation water from the river. Everett Jones is the candidate for this LAA.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 9, 2015. Instructions for voting will be included. The last day to return voted ballots must be postmarked or returned to the county office, is December 7, 2015.

NAP SIGNUP DEADLINE FOR CROP YEAR 2016

December 1, 2015 is the application deadline for the 2016 Non-Insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program. NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by catastrophic crop losses due to natural disasters. FSA's NAP coverage is for

non-insurable crops not covered by RMA. The fee for NAP is \$250.00 per crop per county, with a county maximum of \$750.00. For producers with interest in multiple counties, the total fee cannot exceed \$1,875.00. Continuous coverage reminder letters for the 2016 crop year were mailed to 2015 NAP policy holders.

Producers who have 2015 NAP policies may choose continuous coverage on the same crops for 2016. Continuous coverage does not require a new CCC-471, Application for Coverage, to be signed. A new application is only required if you are adding/removing a crop from your policy. Please mail or drop off your checks for continuous coverage to our county FSA office and we will process your 2016 application for coverage. Make checks payable to CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation).

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

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).