

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Campbell County March Updates - March 24th, 2023

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Message From the County Office



RANCH RELATED CONSIDERATIONS AS WE HEAD INTO SPRING

Ownership Interest Changes Made by June 1

June 1, 2023 is the ownership interest deadline for an entity or a person's operating status for farm program payment purposes for 2023. The County Committee may determine that a change in ownership interest after June 1 will be effective for the current year in situations where there is a change of ownership due to death, a new legal entity or joint operation is formed, or a minor child is added to the operation. If you have any questions on ownership

interest, call the office prior to June 1.

Conservation Compliance on Highly Erodible Land and Wetlands

Highly erodible land (HEL) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions aim to reduce soil loss on erosion-prone lands and to protect wetlands for the multiple benefits they provide. HEL and WC provisions apply to all land that is considered highly erodible or a wetland, and that is owned or farmed by persons voluntarily participating in USDA programs.

To comply with HEL and WC provisions, agricultural producers and affiliated persons must fill out and sign form AD-1026 certifying they will not:

- Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without following an NRCSapproved conservation plan or system;
- Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland; or
- Convert a wetland that makes the production of an agricultural commodity possible.

In addition, producers planning to conduct activities that may affect their HEL or WC compliance; for example, land clearing, conducting drainage activities, land leveling, filling, dredging, or excavation, **including the clearing of woody vegetation**; must notify FSA by filing form AD-1026. FSA will notify NRCS, and they will then provide highly erodible land or wetland technical evaluations and issue determinations if needed.

It is extremely important that producers comply with the HEL and WC provisions to continue receiving USDA Program benefits. Please contact your local <u>USDA Service Center</u> for more information.

Foreign Investors Who Hold Agricultural Land

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct or indirect interest in U. S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Who Must Report

- Foreign individuals
- Foreign Organizations
- Foreign Government
- U.S. Organizations if a significant interest or substantial control is directly or indirectly held by foreign individuals, organizations or governments.

Where to Report:

Report to the FSA county office where the land is located. Attorneys, real estate brokers, farm managers, banks, holding companies, and agents can report on behalf of foreign investors.

NRCS Welcomes New Private Lands Wildlife Biologoist

Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Harold loved to find what aspects of nature he could in a big city and often spent many weekends camping at the lake or hiking what trails he could. He received his B.S. in Environmental Science in 2016 from St. Mary's University, followed shortly by his M.S. In Environmental Science from the University of Texas San Antonio in 2019. Upon graduation he spent 4 years as a contractor supporting the Air Force's Centralized NEPA Division. He is now excited to be able to work directly with his local community in any sort of conservation effort possible, but has always had a deep rooted admiration for our winged friends.

Campbell County FSA is Hiring a Temporary Program Technician



The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is hiring a Temporary Program Technician in our Campbell County Office. This position will work up to 40 hours per week.

Opening February 1st, closing once the position is filled.

- Duties will include:
- Carrying out office activities and functions pertaining to common process for FSA program administration
- Utilizing various web-based software applications to maintain producer information, data entry, and GIS
- Using a high degree of initiative and judgment in planning and carrying out assigned tasks and resolving problems encountered

The Farm Service Agency is an exciting and rewarding place to start, build and/or continue your career. Be part of our team and support the well-being of American agriculture and the American public. You will receive on-the-job training intended to further develop your talent, skills, and abilities to successfully administer farm programs.

A high school diploma or GED, along with strong computer skills and customer service experience are required. Basic familiarity with agriculture preferred.

For more information, or to apply, contact Pam at 307-682-8843 or pamela.s.smith@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Attention all 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, you are required to place the lien holder's name on the check as well as that of the Seller. 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 1-307-777-7311.

Important Deadlines

April 1st: Deadline to Purchase NAP Coverage for Spring Seeded Crops

June 2nd: ERP Phase 2 and PARP Deadline

June 19th: Office Closed In Observance of Juneteenth July 15th: Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline



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