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## Message From the County Office



### Hail and Wind Damage

Reports of severe hail and wind damage on July 11 and earlier are being reported to the County Office. Producers enrolled in NAP (including grazing or forage policies) should contact the FSA office within 30 days of the event to file a Notice of Loss. Producers enrolled in RMA Crop Insurance (alfalfa, alfalfa mixes, and grains) should contact their crop insurance company as soon as possible to report losses.

At the county level, FSA collects and reports storm damage to grazing and/or cropland, structures, and livestock. This information is further collected statewide to provide a basis for farm loan and farm program emergency program implementation. Please call the office with any damage.

### Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

For those producers that will be or that have shorn their sheep, and are interested in receiving a wool LDP, you must sign the CCC-633EZ page 1, prior to losing beneficial interest. If you have already signed page 1, you will be required to furnish the following information on page 4 of the CCC-633EZ to receive an LDP:

1. Certified or production evidence of wool weights with receipts.
2. Flock size, which includes the number of ewes, yearlings and rams shorn.
3. Shearing date.
4. The breed of your sheep.

The CCC-633EZ page 4, will then need to be signed, dated, and shares entered.

## Nominations Open for the 2023 County Committee Elections



The [Farm Service Agency](#) (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members and encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Campbell County Committee election nomination process. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction. For Campbell County, elections will

take place in LAA #3, which consists of the area south of Interstate 90. Customers can identify which LAA they or their farming or ranching operation is in by using our new GIS locator tool available at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

County committee members make important decisions about how Federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2023 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2023.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women, and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office. Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, 2023.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of 3 to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

For more information on FSA county committee elections, including fact sheets, nomination forms and FAQs, visit [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

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## July 17 – Deadline to File 2023 Spring Seeded Acreage Report

Producers who have not yet completed their acreage report for 2023 should make an appointment with this office before July 17, 2023.

Crops including, but not limited to, the following: spring seeded alfalfa, perennial forage crops, native grazing and cover crops planted for soil health should be reported by July 17, 2023.

The number of new disaster programs and other Farm Bill mandated programs require an acreage report in order to comply with program eligibility requirements. An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits. FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps.



To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety and seeding rates
- Intended use of the crop
- Number of acres of the crop
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer shares
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the 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.

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# Ventenata Field Tour

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30am – 12:00pm



We will meet at the Rozet Elementary School parking lot (14054 WY-51, Rozet, WY), depart at 8:45, and travel as a convoy to the field site.

Topics: Identification, ecology, treatment options and considerations, NRCS program update

For more information:

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## Borrower Training for Farm Loan Customers

Borrower training is available for all Farm Service Agency (FSA) customers. This training is required for all direct loan applicants, unless the applicant has a waiver issued by the agency.

Borrower training includes instruction in production and financial management. The purpose is to help the applicants develop and improve skills that are necessary to successfully operate a farm and build equity in the operation. It aims to help the producer become financially successful. Borrower training is provided, for a fee, by agency approved vendors. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager for a list of approved vendors.

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## Important Deadlines

July 14th: ERP Phase 2 and PARP Deadline

July 17th: Deadline to Report 2022 NAP Production

**July 17th: Spring Acreage Reporting Deadline**



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**Next County Committee Meeting**  
**July 19th, 2023**