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Message From the County Office

Update Your Records

October 1st marks the start of a new fiscal year. As such, FSA encourages early reporting of any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity. Making these changes now will reduce the possibility of program eligibility complications later in the year. In addition, FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address, bank accounts for direct deposit, or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their *Farm Operating Plan* on form CCC-902. To update your records, contact your Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843



NAP Information

Producers with NAP coverage in 2023 are urged to report their harvested production. FSA can supply maps for you to record your harvested production on a field-by-field basis. Timely and accurately reporting these yields is key to your farm's Actual Production History (APH) and indemnity payments. Producers with no harvested production must have an appraisal completed prior to grazing the acreage. Failure to do this will result in a reduced indemnity payment.

Interested in NAP for 2024?

In order to potentially receive benefits in 2024 you must be enrolled in NAP and have purchased coverage for the eligible crop you produce in which a loss occurred due to a qualifying natural disaster. **December 1, 2023** is the final day to enroll fall seeded crops, perennial forage and honey for the 2024 program year.

NAP Service Fees

NAP offers varying levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of expected production in 5 percent increments. Buy-up levels of NAP coverage are available if the producer can show at least one year of previously successfully growing the crop for which coverage is being requested. For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Beginning, limited resource and targeted

underserved farmers or ranchers remain eligible for a waiver of NAP service fees and premium reduction when they file form CCC-860, "*Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource and Beginning Farmer or Rancher Certification.*"

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

Producers who will be shearing or who have shorn their sheep and are interested in receiving a wool LDP, 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 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.

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)



ELAP Assistance for Hail Damaged Grazing Land

Numerous hailstorms in the county have caused widespread damage to grazing land. The Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers for grazing losses that are not covered under other crop disaster programs, such as NAP.

To be considered an eligible livestock grazing loss because of hail, the following conditions must be met:

- Producers must have removed livestock from the hail-affected pasture or fed additional livestock feed above normal quantities, required to maintain the livestock until additional feed becomes available
- Grazing losses must be claimed on a field-by-field basis; therefore, only the pasture type and acres affected by hail can be claimed.

FSA requires that an applicant provides livestock inventory numbers, as specific animal types will be converted to animal unit (AU) equivalents as part of the grazing loss calculation. In addition, producers must provide verifiable or reliable documentation of feed fed above normal quantities and/or proof of removing the livestock from the effected pasture.

ELAP Assistance for Feed & Livestock Transportation

Did you have to purchase feed after May 1 above what you would normally purchase? Contact the Campbell County FSA office at 307-682-8843 ext 2 to inquire about ELAP Livestock & Feed Transportation. This program has been offered for the past two years and is available for feed purchases and livestock transportation through the end of December 2023.

Emergency Relief Program (ERP) 2022

The U. S Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide more than \$3 billion to commodity and producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2022. Eligible impacted producers can apply

assistance through the [Emergency Relief Program \(ERP\) 2022](#). The program will help offset the financial impacts of crop yield and value losses from qualifying disasters occurring in 2022.

Background

On Dec. 29, 2022, President Biden signed into law the *Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328)* that provides about \$3.7 billion in financial assistance for agricultural producers impacted by eligible natural disasters that occurred in calendar year 2022.

ERP 2022 covers losses to crops, trees, bushes and vines due to qualifying, calendar year 2022 natural disaster events including wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, tornadoes, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought and related conditions. ERP 2022 program benefits will be delivered to eligible producers through a two-track process. FSA intends to make both tracks available to producers at the same time. This two-track approach enables USDA to:

- Streamline the application process.
- Reduce the paperwork burden on producers.
- Proactively include provisions for underserved producers who have not been well served by past emergency relief efforts.
- Encourage producer participation in existing risk management programs to mitigate the impacts of future severe weather events.

It's important to note that disaster-impacted producers may be eligible for ERP 2022 assistance under one or both tracks. To avoid duplicative benefits, if a producer applies for both tracks, the Track 2 payment calculation will take into account any payments received through Track 1.

ERP 2022 Application Process – Track 1

ERP 2022 Track 1 leverages existing federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data as the basis for calculating payments for eligible crop producers who received indemnities through these risk management programs. Although FSA is sending pre-filled ERP 2022 Track 1 application forms to producers who have crop insurance and NAP data already on file with USDA, producers indemnified for losses resulting from 2022 natural disasters do not have to wait to receive the application before requesting ERP 2022 assistance. Effective Oct. 31, 2023, producers can apply for ERP 2022 benefits whether they have received the pre-filled application or not. Receipt of a pre-filled application is not confirmation that a producer is eligible to receive an ERP 2022 Track 1 payment.

USDA estimates that ERP Track 1 benefits will reach more than 206,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,500 producers who obtained NAP coverage for the 2022 crop year.

ERP 2022 Application Process – Track 2

Track 2 is a revenue-based certification program designed to assist eligible producers who suffered an eligible decrease in revenue resulting from 2022 calendar year disaster events when compared with revenue in a benchmark year using revenue information that is readily available from most tax records. In cases where revenue does not reasonably reflect a normal year's revenue, Track 2 provides an alternative method for establishing revenue. Likewise, Track 2 affords producers of crops that are used within an operation and do not generate revenue from the sale of the crop a method for establishing revenue for the purpose of applying for ERP 2022 benefits. Producers are not required to submit tax records to FSA unless requested by the County Committee if required for an FSA compliance spot check.

Although not required when applying for ERP 2022 Track 2, applicants might find the following documents useful to the process:

- Schedule F (Form 1040)
- *Profit or Loss from Farming* or similar tax documents for tax years 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023.

Track 2 targets gaps in emergency relief assistance for eligible producers whose eligible losses were not covered by crop insurance or NAP including revenue losses too small (shallow loss) to be covered by crop

insurance.

Producers interested in applying for ERP 2022 Track 2, should contact their local FSA county office. Additional reference resources can be found on FSA's [emergency relief website](#).

Additional Required Forms

For both ERP 2022 tracks, all producers must have certain required forms on file with FSA within 60 days of the ERP 2022 deadline. Producers can apply for ERP 2022 starting Oct. 31, 2023. The application deadline has not yet been determined and will be announced at a later date. If not already on file, producers can update, complete, and submit required forms to FSA at any time.

Required forms:

- Form AD-2047, *Customer Data Worksheet*.
- Form CCC-902, *Farm Operating Plan* for an individual or legal entity.
- Form CCC-901, *Member Information for Legal Entities* (if applicable).
- Form FSA-510, *Request for an Exception to the \$125,000 Payment Limitation for Certain Programs* (if applicable).
- Form CCC-860, *Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification*, if applicable, for the 2022 program year.
- A highly erodible land conservation (sometimes referred to as HELC) and wetland conservation certification (Form AD-1026 *Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WLC) Certification*) for the ERP producer and applicable affiliates.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm the status of their forms can contact their local FSA county office.

Future Insurance Coverage Requirements

All producers who receive ERP 2022 payments must purchase crop insurance, or NAP coverage where crop insurance is not available, in the next two available crop years as determined by the Secretary. Purchased coverage must be at the 60/100 coverage level or higher for insured crops or at the catastrophic coverage level or higher for NAP crops.

More Information

ERP 2022 eligibility details and payment calculation factor tables are available on the [emergency relief website](#), in the [ERP Track 1](#) and [ERP Track 2](#) fact sheets and through your local [FSA county office](#).



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2023 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- JUN. 15, 2023**
Beginning of nomination period. Forms available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.
- AUG. 1, 2023**
Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA county office.
- NOV. 6, 2023**
Ballots mailed to eligible voters.
- DEC. 4, 2023**
Last day to return voted ballots to the local FSA county office.
- JAN. 1, 2024**
Newly elected county committee members take office.

Candidate Biography

Gwen Geis is nominated in LAA#3, Campbell County, to serve as COC member for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2024.

Gwen resides in LAA#3, and has produced cattle, sheep, and crops for forty years. Gwen is an active member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and has served as past president of the American National Cattlemen, Wyoming Cattlemen, Campbell County Cattlemen, Campbell County Wool Growers Association, and has recently been appointed to the Wyoming Stock Growers Association as Region 2 Director. In addition, she has served as past vice president of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association.

Gwen is willing to serve if elected.

Fall Acreage Reporting



Just a reminder that if any planting is done for fall seeded crops, your planting must be reported by **November 15th** to the County office. To avoid any late filed charges please call and make an appointment to complete your Acreage Report.

NRCS Application Information

Welcome to fiscal year 2024! If you had a conservation program application, EQIP, AMA, or CSP, filed with NRCS in fiscal year 2023 you should have received a Deferral Letter, if your application wasn't selected for 2023 funding. Those applications have now been rolled into 2024 to be considered for funding again. For anyone wishing to submit a new application for NRCS Conservation Programs, the application deadline will be coming soon. For anyone interested please be sure to have your applications in and/or updated for some of the following projects; livestock water development, noxious weed spraying, fence replacement to wildlife friendly, high tunnels, and soil health.

Applying for Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) 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 \$5,000.

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.

For help preparing the application forms, contact your Campbell County USDA Service Center at 307-682-8843 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Important Deadlines

November 11th: Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

November 15th: Deadline to Report Fall Planted Crops

November 23rd: Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

December 1st: Deadline to Purchase NAP insurance for 2024



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Next County Committee Meeting
November 15th, 2023