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## Message From the County Office

### 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.



### 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.

**DEC. 18, 2023 – MARCH 15, 2024**

**ELECTION & ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

**AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE (ARC)  
PRICE LOSS COVERAGE (PLC)**

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### **ELECT & ENROLL BY MARCH 15, 2024**

**ELECT & ENROLL** in 2024 County Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC-CO), Individual Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC-IC), or Price Loss Coverage (PLC).

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

- Producers with farms that have an ARC election are ineligible for Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO).
- Upland cotton farmers who enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX).

You can make elections and complete enrollment at your local USDA Service Center or online using Level 2 eAuthentication at [apps.fsa.usda.gov/arcsignup-web/home](https://apps.fsa.usda.gov/arcsignup-web/home).

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## County Committee Election Results

FSA announces that County Committee election results are over, and the ballots have been counted. Gwen Geis of Gillette was elected as member to represent local administrative area (LAA #3 – south of I-90) and Laura Roush was elected as the first alternate. County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2024 and will be joining the existing committee. Every FSA office is required to have a county committee, and they are made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers.



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## 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 **due to drought**? 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.

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## Preparing for Tax Season

USDA issues 1099 forms for:

- Conservation programs administered by the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resource Conservation Service (such as the Conservation Reserve Program and Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
- Crop disaster payments
- Assistance for distressed borrowers, including through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act
- Market Facilitation Program

Additionally, USDA issues 1098 forms for USDA farm loans, if:

- The farmer is classified as an individual.

- And if the farm ownership or operating loan is secured by real estate.

USDA technical assistance is free and creates no tax implications.

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## Assistance for Distressed Farm Loan Program Borrowers



The Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3.1 billion for USDA to provide relief for distressed borrowers with certain Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct and guaranteed loans and to expedite assistance for those whose agricultural operations are at financial risk.

Since October 2022, USDA has provided approximately \$1.5 billion in immediate assistance to more than 25,000 financially distressed direct and guaranteed FSA loan borrowers.

FSA is currently accepting and reviewing individual requests for assistance from borrowers who took certain extraordinary measures to avoid delinquency on their direct FSA loans and those who missed a recent installment or who are unable to make their next scheduled installment.

FSA direct loan borrowers with qualifying farm loans who are unable to pay their upcoming installments or have already missed a recent installment payment can request a cash flow analysis from FSA using a recent balance sheet and operating plan to determine their eligibility. This assistance is currently limited to installments due Aug. 1, 2022, through Jan. 15, 2024.

Assistance is also available for borrowers who took certain extraordinary measures between Feb. 28, 2020, through Oct. 18, 2022, to avoid delinquency on their loans, such as monetizing long term or essential assets, incurring additional non-FSA debt, or deferring other essential payment, resulting in reduced farm and household viability.

All requests for assistance must be received by Dec. 31, 2023. For more information, or to submit a request for assistance, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center or visit [farmers.gov/inflation-reduction-investments/assistance](https://farmers.gov/inflation-reduction-investments/assistance)

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## Important Deadlines

December 25th, 2023: Office Closed in Observance of Christmas Day

January 1st, 2024: Office Closed in Observance of New Years Day

January 15th, 2024: Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 30th, 2024: Deadline to apply for ELAP Hail/Feed Transportation

January 31st, 2024: Deadline to submit LDP for 2023 wool/mohair/unshorn pelts

March 15th, 2024: Deadline to Enroll in ARC/PLC



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**Next County Committee Meeting**  
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