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Crook County Corner

Just a couple of things to make you guys aware of, we have been having issues with our phone lines in the office. This includes all agencies FSA, NRCS and the Natural Resource District. So, if you have been trying to call and are unable to get through to the office, we are aware. The IT department and phone companies are working to find a solution. So, keep a look out for emails if you are waiting on correspondence, and haven't received a phone call, as this includes outgoing calls, not just incoming.



Also, if you have a large amount of damage from a storm event, please ALWAYS reach out to us here in the office. We can't help you if we don't know. Please contact the Emergency Management. This can help determine if you can qualify for certain programs or not. They work with NOAA and can make determination on the events. We want that to be as accurate as possible because some programs can only be triggered by specific events. Contact information for Emergency Management is below:

Emergency Management

Ed Robinson, Emergency Management Coordinator

Email: emergencymanagement@crookcounty.wy.gov

Phone: (307) 283-2390

Fax: (307) 283-2323

PO Box 475

Sundance, WY 82729

Important Deadlines:

Acreage Report:

November 15 – Apiculture (bees), fall -seeded small grains.

NAP:

December 1- All perennial grasses, alfalfa, clover, mixed forage, and honey

- Within 15 days of crop loss – Submit Notice of Loss

November 15 - (varies by crop) – Final day to submit Application for Payment

Days USDA Offices Are Closed

October 9 - Columbus Day

November 10 - Observation of Veterans Day

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

December 25 - Christmas Holiday

Electronics Recycling

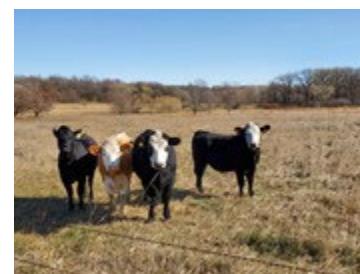
Electronics Recycling will take place Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 10am-12pm in Sundance at the fairgrounds shade structure (follow signs) and in front of Hulett Town Hall from 2pm-4pm. **The first 100 pounds is free, then 40 cents per pound will be charged.**

A list of acceptable items can be found on our website www.ccnrd.org or contact us at 307-283-2870 x 4 or by email crookcountynrd@gmail.com.



USDA Updates Livestock Disaster Payment Rate to Assist Producers Hard-Hit by Heat and Humidity

The USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is updating the [Livestock Indemnity Program \(LIP\)](#) payment rate to support livestock producers in the Midwest who have lost cattle to the extreme heat and humidity experienced this summer. To help indemnify ranchers to reflect a trend towards higher cattle weights in feedlots, the 2023 LIP payment rate for beef calves over 800 pounds will increase from \$1244 per head to \$1618, an increase of \$374.



"The recent heat domes plaguing many parts of the country have proven to be unsurvivable for some animals and temperatures are not expected to let up any time soon. This is one of the latest, many examples of how a changing climate is creating immediate challenges for farmers and ranchers, and we're finding that our emergency relief programs need to adapt accordingly," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Given these circumstances and the trend towards higher weights in feedlots, it became clear that USDA's Livestock Indemnity Payment rates were not reflective of the true market value for cattle. This change will better indemnify the investments producers have in the livestock they raise, and we will continue to find flexibilities where possible to help our farmers and ranchers in the wake of climate-related impacts."

LIP provides benefits to livestock owners and some contract growers for livestock deaths exceeding normal mortality from eligible adverse weather events, certain predation losses and reduced sales prices due to injury from an eligible loss. Indemnity payments are made at a rate of 75% of the prior year's average fair market value of the livestock.

The updated LIP payment rate is effective immediately and will be applied retroactively starting Jan. 1, 2023, for all eligible causes of loss including excessive heat, tornado, winter storms, and other qualifying adverse weather. Producers who have already received LIP payments for 2023 losses will receive an additional payment, if applicable, commensurate with this updated rate. For details on eligibility and payment rates, review the [LIP fact sheet](#).

FSA recognizes that an annual update of LIP payment rates does not account for the volatile nature of livestock markets and is further exploring flexibilities to establish more current payment rates.

More Information

On farmers.gov, [Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool](#), [Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet](#), and [Loan Assistance Tool](#) can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their [local USDA Service Center](#).

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.



Water Quality Improvement Program

The Crook County Natural Resource District has limited funding available for landowners near the Belle Fourche River or Donkey Creek to help provide off-stream and upland watering systems and/or grazing management improvement projects to reduce the amount of time livestock and wildlife spend congregating along these streams. Practices also would be utilized to promote more uniform grazing patterns, benefitting terrestrial and aquatic habitat conditions. Funding is also available for septic remediation work on failing systems pre-dating 1973. If you are interested in learning more about the CCNRD's programs, please visit their website at www.ccnrd.org or contact Jessica Halverson at 307-283-2870 ext. 129.



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