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Courtney's Corner- CED Comments, Upcoming Deadlines, and a Few Jokes

Hello Sheridan and Johnson Counties! I am Courtney Yelton, the new County Executive Director for the Sheridan/ Johnson County office. Please feel free to drop by the office when you are in Sheridan next and say hi!



We were also able to bring aboard a new Program Technician to the office. Amy Butler comes to us from Platte County. Amy was born and raised in Indiana on a homestead farm raising sheep and showed in 4-H. She has a degree in Architectural Engineering and enjoys watercolor painting in her spare time.

We have been working diligently to address any payments that may be sitting out there from the last few years. If you are missing a payment, please contact the office and we will look into it. We will also be contacting producers in the coming months and winter to look at your farm records and maps. If you know of errors, please let us know and we will correct them.

Finally, Johnson County producers- we are planning to bring back our workdays in Buffalo and Kaycee! Look in future bulletins for a schedule of those dates.

I look forward to working with the producers of Sheridan and Johnson counties and being your CED!

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Upcoming Deadlines/ Dates:

September 4- Office Closed- Labor Day

October 16- Office Closed- Columbus Day

November 10- Office Closed- Veteran's Day

November 15- Fall Planted Crop (Winter Wheat) Acreage Reporting Deadline

November 23- Office Closed- Thanksgiving

December 1- NAP Application for Coverage Deadline for Perennial Grasses

A Few Jokes to Brighten Your Day-

Where do surfers learn to surf? Boarding School.

How did Vikings communicate with one another? By Norse Code.

Why did the tourist feel disappointed upon seeing the Liberty Bell? It wasn't all it cracked up to be.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the [AFIDA form](#) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements. The data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities. Click [here](#) for more information on AFIDA.



Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. You should also report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

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.

Reminders for FSA Direct and Guaranteed Borrowers with Real Estate Security

Farm loan borrowers who have pledged real estate as security for their Farm Service Agency (FSA) direct or guaranteed loans are responsible for maintaining loan collateral. Borrowers must obtain prior consent or approval from FSA or the guaranteed lender for any transaction that affects real estate security. These transactions include, but are not limited to:



- Leases of any kind
- Easements of any kind
- Subordinations
- Partial releases
- Sales

Failure to meet or follow the requirements in the loan agreement, promissory note, and other security instruments could lead to nonmonetary default which could jeopardize your current and future loans.

It is critical that borrowers keep an open line of communication with their FSA loan staff or guaranteed lender when it comes to changes in their operation. For more information on borrower responsibilities, read [Your FSA Farm Loan Compass](#).

NRCS Unveiled New Website in 2022

NRCS unveiled a new website last year, which was designed for you, whether you're a farmer, rancher or forest landowner who uses Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation programs or one of our partners who helps us deliver on the conservation mission.



The new NRCS site has been designed to support and enhance our mission by delivering relevant, timely, customer-focused information in an easy-to-navigate platform.

Key features include:

- It's been designed using the U.S. Web Design System, so you'll see a certain "family resemblance" among USDA and other federal websites, including farmers.gov.
- It's accessible (or 508 conformant), meaning the site is designed for use by people with disabilities.
- It's mobile responsive, meaning that it should work on a phone or tablet at easily as on a desktop computer.

Be sure to check out our:

- [Guides and Instructions](#)- Search by resource type, NRCS program, natural resource concern, and state.
- [Getting Assistance](#)- Learn more about available technical and financial assistance and how you can get support online as well as with the NRCS at your local Service Center.
- [Conservation by State](#)- Find information on NRCS programs, services and other information in your state.

If you can't find something that you used to find on our website, [contact us](#) and we can help.



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