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Corrections

These corrections have been made to the respective articles.

In the article, [Deadline to Report 2018 Crop Production for NAP Covered Crops](#), there was a wrong date in the second paragraph. The date should be July 15, 2019 and not March 15, 2019.

Another correction, [Important Dates and Deadlines](#),

March 15, 2019 - Production reporting deadline for 2018 NAP covered grass seeds, forages, and annually planted spring crops for actual production history (APH) purposes. This date should be July 15, 2019.

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Livestock Losses Due to Weather – Apply for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Winter weather continues to cover many areas of our state. Eligible livestock producers who believe they have suffered losses due to an eligible adverse weather event must provide a Notice of Loss (NOL) for **each** eligible adverse weather event **within 30 days of when the loss became apparent to the producer**. The NOL is a short simple process that can be taken over the phone, by email, fax, or by visiting an FSA office. At a later date, the livestock producer will complete the application for payment. At that time, the eligible livestock owner must show with documentation and evidence that the eligible adverse weather event was directly responsible for the injury or death of the livestock. Evidence and documentation may include, but are not limited to: **photographs (preferably dated)**, veterinarian statements, rendering truck receipts or certificates, insurance documents. Cellphone cameras make it easy to take photographs for documentation.

Call, email, or visit your local county FSA office for more information and to **file your notice of loss as soon as possible**.

Changes in Your Farming Operation

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Making the record changes now will save you time in the spring. Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office if there is a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate. It is your responsibility to report changes in your farming operation to **NRCS**, in writing, if you participate in NRCS programs.

Changing Bank Accounts

FSA program payments are issued electronically into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify your FSA servicing office if you close your account or if your bank information is changed for whatever reason (such as your financial institution merging or being purchased). Payments can be delayed if FSA is not notified of changes to account and bank routing numbers.

Commodity Loans are Available

For producers of 2018 crops in approved warehouse or farm storage, if you need an influx of cash for spring expenses you can request a Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and use your stored crop as collateral for the loan. MALs (otherwise known as commodity loans) are a marketing tool that can provide needed funds from a short term loan, allowing for delayed sale of your crop until more favorable marketing conditions emerge. Commodity loans mature nine months after the month the loan is approved and funds are disbursed.

To be eligible for a commodity loan the crop must have been produced, mechanically harvested and in a storable condition. Loan applicants must be in compliance with conservation and wetland protection requirements. Acreage reports for all cropland on your farms must be on file, and you must retain beneficial interest in the commodity until the loan is repaid or Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title to the commodity. Producers are responsible for maintaining the quantity and quality of the commodity pledged as collateral for a farm-stored or warehouse stored loan.

The final date to request a commodity loan on stored 2018 crops of wheat, barley, oats, honey, canola, crambe, flaxseed, rapeseed, and sesame seed is close of business on **April 1, 2019**. For stored 2018 crops of corn, dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, mustard seed, safflower seed, sunflower seed, soybeans, and grain sorghum the final date to request a commodity loan is close of business on May 31, 2019.

To inquire about commodity loans and interest rates, contact your local county FSA office.

2019 Crop Year NAP Coverage Deadline Quickly Approaching

The deadline to obtain 2019 crop year NAP coverage for spring planted crops, not insurable through your crop insurance agent, is **March 15, 2019**. Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is an available tool to help mitigate financial risk when the covered crop is damaged, destroyed or prevented from being planted due to eligible weather-related disaster conditions.

To apply for NAP coverage, an application for coverage and payment of the administrative fee must be submitted to your local FSA office by the deadline. The NAP administrative fee is \$250 per crop, up to \$750 per county, with a maximum fee of \$1,875 for multiple crops in multiple counties, per applicant. Beginning farmers/ranchers, limited resource producers, and traditionally underserved farmers can request a waiver of the NAP administrative fee by filing form CCC-860.

NAP coverage should be purchased at least 30 days before the crop is planted, to ensure coverage attaches upon planting. But coverage for eligible spring planted crops must be purchased no later

than close of business on **March 15, 2019**. To learn more about the NAP program and to obtain coverage, contact your county FSA office.

Deadline to Report 2018 Crop Production for NAP Covered Crops

Annual reporting of actual harvested production is a requirement for producers who obtained 2018 Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage. This ensures future NAP actual production history (APH) reflects actual yield data for your covered crops.

Grass seeds, alfalfa/legume/mixed grasses/small grain forages for hay, and annually planted spring crops harvested for 2018 production must be reported by no later than **July 15, 2019**. Certification of total harvested production is acceptable when provided on a signed CCC-452 and submitted to your county office by this deadline for APH purposes. If harvested production of NAP covered crops is not timely submitted to your local county FSA office, the NAP APH yield will begin to drop significantly, which can affect the NAP disaster level of coverage in future years for NAP crop units.

If you have any questions about NAP coverage and production reporting requirements, contact your county FSA office.

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 15, 2019 – Deadline to request 2019 crop year NAP coverage for artichokes, beets (seed or fresh), buckwheat, camelina, carrots (fresh or processing), small grain forages (wheat, barley, oats, peas) and other spring planted crops not mentioned in other NAP application for coverage closing dates.

April 1, 2019 – Final date to request 2018 crop Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) or LDP for wheat, barley, oats, honey, canola, crambe, flaxseed, rapeseed, and sesame seed.

April 1, 2019 – Beginning of the Primary Nesting Season for CRP. Activities on established CRP stands are prohibited April 1 through July 1 unless specifically authorized by FSA on a contract by contract basis. This restriction does not apply to contracts where the cover is being established at this time.

May 1, 2019 - Last day to certify production for MFP.

May 31, 2019 – Final date to request 2018 crop Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) or LDP for dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, corn, mustard seed, safflower seed, sunflower seed, soybeans, and grain sorghum.

July 15, 2019 - Production reporting deadline for 2018 NAP covered grass seeds, forages, and annually planted spring crops for actual production history (APH) purposes.

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