



USDA Updates

Agenda

- Getting Started with FSA and NRCS
- FSA Programs and County Committee
- FSA Loans
- NRCS Programs and Technical Assistance
- Questions and Discussion



Getting Started with USDA

- Farming Operation – individual or entity
- Farm Number – location of Farm
- NRCS, FSA, RD
- Farmers.gov
- Report Losses



FSA Programs

FSA Agency Mission:

Farm Service Agency is equitably serving all farmers, ranchers, and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans.

Current Programs

- General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FSCSC)
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
- Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP)

Upcoming Deadlines

- General CRP – June 6th
- Acreage Reporting Deadline for Grass – July 15th
- ECAP – August 15th
- NAP Coverage for most crops – September 1st

County Committee Elections



- Board of local farmers and ranchers
- Serve three-year terms
- Election this year for LAA 1
- Nomination Deadline – August 1

FSA Loans

- Direct Loans
 - Farm Ownership (FO)
 - Operating (OL)
 - Microloans (ML)
 - Emergency (EM)
- Guaranteed Loans – FO and OL loans
- Application Checklist

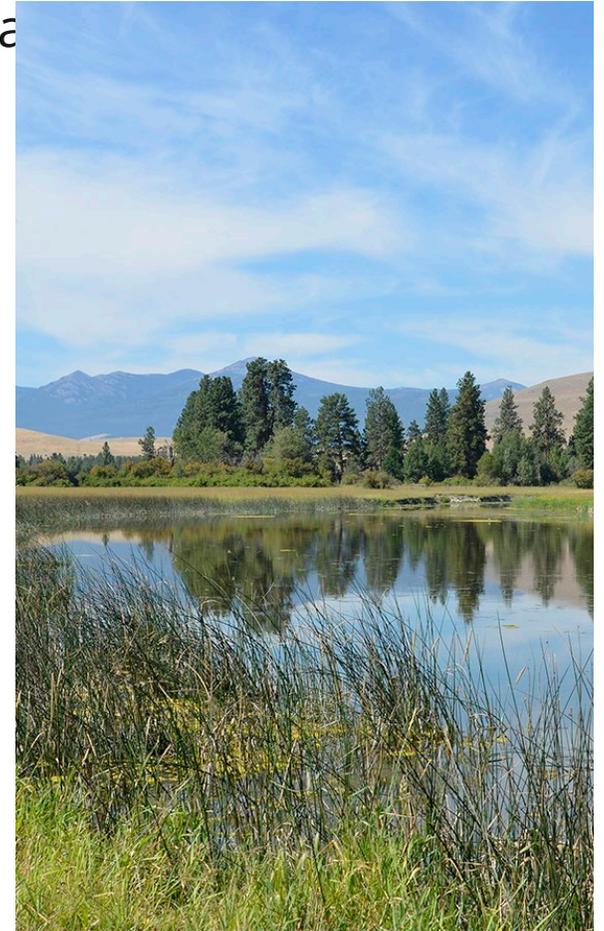
Item	Description
Application	Narrative describing operation
Federal tax returns – 3 years	Farm Training & Farm Experience
Production history – 3 years, if available	Verification of hazard / liability & crop insurance
Income & Expense projection for upcoming crop cycle	If Entity, organizational /operating documents
Current financial statement	Credit report fee
Leases, marketing agreements/contracts	Property owned and leased description
Family Living Expenses	Verification of Non-Farm Income
Highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance	If annual (12-24 months) OL – projected monthly farm income & expenses

NRCS Programs and Technical Assistance

- NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to help agricultural producers and partners care for the land.
- Landowners work with conservation planners to develop a plan that meets their operational, economic, and landscape goals.
- Voluntary, non-regulatory, and focused on private lands

Programs

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)



Questions and Discussion

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