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Welcome to the  
Farm Service Agency

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**What is the Farm Service Agency**

The Farm Service Agency is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provides programs and loans to help farmers, ranchers and agricultural partner organizations provide food, fuel and fiber to millions of people worldwide.

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## Broad Footprint

- These programs are administered through 51 state offices and over 2,100 service center offices
- FSA has a large presence in the local community through farmer-elected county committee members
- County committees help deliver FSA programs by applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on the various programs.
- To find your local office visit <http://offices.usda.gov>



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## Expanding Opportunities

FSA is dedicated to providing opportunities to:

- Beginning farmers and ranchers
- Underserved (minorities)
- Veterans
- Women



## Types of Programs


FSA provides farmers and ranchers access to:

- Loans
- Disaster Assistance
- Conservation
- Risk Management

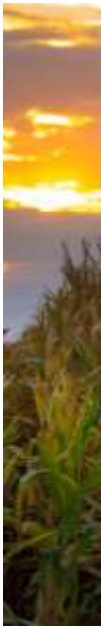


# 2018 Farm Service Agency Program Updates

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## Farm Programs

- ▶ **Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC)**
  - County ARC
  - Individual ARC
  - PLC
- ✓ 2018 enrollment period - November 1, 2017 through August 1, 2018- final year of program authorized by farm bill
- ✓ Must sign contracts on an annual basis
- ✓ Leases or owner signatures are required for new farmland operated in 2018
- ✓ Payments are not guaranteed
- ✓ Crop reports are required




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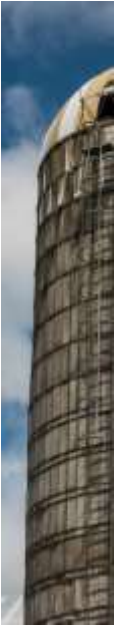


## Farm Programs- Disaster Programs

- ▶ **Livestock Forage Program (LFP)**- based upon drought designation
- ▶ **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**- notify county office within 30 days of notice of loss
- ▶ **Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP)**- notify county office within 30 days of notice of loss
- ▶ **Tree Assistance Program (TAP)**- notify county office within 90 days of notice of loss
- ▶ **Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**- if insured under NAP, notify county office within 15 days of notice of loss




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## Farm Programs- Price Support

- ▶ **Margin Protection Program (MPP) – Dairy**  
*2018 signup period: Completed December 1, 2017*
- ▶ **Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL)**  
*March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for small grains; May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for coarse grains*
- ▶ **Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)**  
*Many additional items now covered. FSA also offers FSFL Microloan (less than \$50,000) can finance for 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, or 15 years, low interest rates, can cover storage and handling equipment, including trucks and trailers.*



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## Farm Programs- Conservation

- ▶ **Conservation Reserve Program**  
*Limited acreage availability*
- ▶ **Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP)**
- ▶ **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)-**  
*designated areas- signup ongoing*
- ▶ **State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE)-** *designated areas- limited availability due to acreage cap*



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## Farm Programs

### Conservation Compliance

*Producers and any affiliated individuals or entities must comply with the provisions of conservation compliance to be eligible for most programs administered by FSA, NRCS, and RMA. Non-compliance may affect eligibility for :*

- ▶ *FSA loans and disaster assistance*
- ▶ *NRCS and FSA conservation program benefits*
- ▶ *Federal crop insurance premium support*



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### Conservation Compliance, continued

*To comply with HELC and WC provisions, producers and affiliated persons must fill out and sign form AD-1026 certifying they will not:*

- ▶ *Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without following an NRCS approved conservation plan or system;*
- ▶ *Plant or produce an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland; or*
- ▶ *Convert a wetland which makes the production of an agricultural commodity possible*



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## FSAfarm+

- ▶ Customer self-service website
- ▶ Access customer profile, farm records information, & maps
- ▶ Print farm records information including base & yield
- ▶ Print maps for crop reporting
- ▶ Perform measurements including length and acreage from your own home
- ▶ Available to operators & owners with eAuth Level 2 access from USDA
- ▶ [www.fsa.usda.gov/farmplus](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/farmplus)



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## COC Elections

- ▶ In Dunn County, LAA 1 is up for election in 2018
- ▶ Includes Townships of New Haven, Sheridan, Wilson, Sand Creek, Tiffany, Hay River, Otter Creek, Grant
- ▶ Nomination process starts in June with elections held in the fall
- ▶ To nominate someone in the LAA up for election, fill out an FSA-669A (Nomination Form for County Committee Election) by August 1<sup>st</sup>
- ▶ We are ALWAYS looking for interested representatives from historically underserved groups to serve as an advisor on our County Committees


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[www.farmers.gov](http://www.farmers.gov)

New website for producers  
 Combines producer portals for FSA, NRCS, and RMA programs:

- FSAfarm+
- FSA
- NRCS Client Gateway

Website to find your local service center


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