

Farm Bill information meeting scheduled for Humboldt

Falls City, Nebraska, - Nebraska Extension and USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Richardson/Pawnee County will host a Farm Bill education meeting on Thursday, December 12 at the Humboldt Ag Building. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and go through 12:00 noon. All area producers are invited to attend this free informational event.

FSA County Executive Director Brenda Fields said the meeting is designed to provide important information to producers as they begin to make farm-bill related program decisions. The 2018 Farm Bill, signed into law last December, reauthorized the existing Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) safety net programs that were in the 2014 Farm Bill, however producers will need to make new program enrollment decisions over the coming months.

The ARC and PLC programs under the new farm bill remain similar to the previous farm bill, but there are a few key program changes.

“During the meeting we will discuss these changes in order to assist producers with the decisions they will need to make at sign-up,” Fields said. “Extension will be providing guidance on the usage of online tools to aid in the decision-making process.”

Extension and Nebraska FSA are hosting producer Farm Bill education meetings across the state. More information on these meetings can be found at fsa.usda.gov/ne or farmbill.unl.edu. The meetings are scheduled from late November to mid-December in advance of the coming ARC/PLC enrollment deadlines in 2020. Advance registration is encouraged for planning purposes for materials and facilities. Attendees can register for any of the meetings at the farmbill.unl.edu site or by calling or visiting their county FSA or Extension office. All times are local with registration beginning 30 minutes ahead of start.

The educational programs are each set to run three hours in length, featuring information and insight from FSA staff and Extension experts.

There also are resources available online that can educate producers in their ARC/PLC decision-making process. Links to these resources are available from FSA at www.fsa.usda.gov/ne under the Spotlights section or from Extension at farmbill.unl.edu.