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PUBLIC AFFAIRS TOPIC: Help For Farmers
GUEST: Chad Huddleston, USDA office

Among the groups feeling the economic impact of a Covid-19 summer is the local farming community and farm families.

WLIV invited Chad Huddleston, a spokesman with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office, to be on WLIV AM & FM to update and inform our local farm-income-based families of the help available to them through the local USDA office in Livingston.

Mr. Huddleston told our audience about the need for farmers here to sign up for specialty and non-specialty programs. Mr. Huddleston told our listeners that most families in our community sign up under the Livestock program which is further classified by cows, pigs, or lambs.

Persons who feel they qualify can sign up in any of several ways available. Farmers can, of course, visit the local USDA office and sign up in person. They can also do the paperwork by mail, complete the necessary documents using e-mail, or make use of the drop box located outside the local office. Each option allows the applicant to stay out of the office and maintain distancing during the pandemic.

This is part of the Coronavirus Assistance Program being administered by the USDA.

Local farmers and farm families can get additional information - or request that forms be mailed to them - by calling 738-7822.

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