The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is expanding its payment options to customers who are eligible for the Automated Closing House (ACH) Debit. The non-negative payment options enable FSA customers to pay farm loans, livestock, and crop insurance payments, farm program debt repayments and administrative fees, as well as to purchase aerial maps.

“Customers have spoken to us and said Bill Northey, USDA’s Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. “Finding ways to improve customer service efficiency is important for our farmers, ranchers, producers, and forest landowners who work hard for our nation every day. Now, our customers can make electronic payments instantly by stopping in our offices or calling us on the phone. Previously, only cash, check, money orders, or wires were accepted. By using debit cards and ACH debit, transactions are securely processed from the customer’s bank account and deposited into the Treasury’s online payment hub.”

While traditional collection and paper check payments will continue, offering the new alternatives will provide customers the convenience and confidence to customers while being more cost effective. The payments, USDA’s department has navigated multiple systems, cost USD $0.46 and $4.65 for expanded payment options will cut the time employees take processing payments.

At USDA, we’re focused on modernization to improve customer service,” said Northey. “If half of our customers choose these new payment options, we’ll see $1 million savings in one year.”

These new payment methods are one part of a much larger effort to expand options for our customers, as well as to make our services more effective and efficient. “This action marks the beginning of a multi-phased rollout of new payment options for USDA customers. Ultimately, payment option flexibility will be extended to everyone. We want producers to use debit cards and ACH debit payments to access funding for all FSA programs, including farm storage facility payments, farm loan facility payments, marketing assistance loan payments, and farm disaster payments. The Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA) is taking the lead on implementing these enhancements to make payments more flexible and reduce administrative costs.”

For more information, visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fsa-payments or contact your local FSA office.

Gardening with Don Kinzler

A lilac that blooms more than once?

Old-fashioned lilacs will never be replaced by new, young upstarts. Old-fashioned lilacs are like classic, fortable old roommates. We’d like them just the way they are.

Old-fashioned lilacs and their unmistakable fragrance bring back memories of plucking little bouquets to take home to mother on the walk home from school. We’d mix a few dandelions in for accent.

“I gathered lilacs return for more than the charming name is catchy and distinctive. They’re called Bloomerang Lilacs. The boomerang shape of the flowers is good measure. In mid-to-late May. They rest in full sun, because flowering. Some lilacs are like compact, dense bushels or clusters, while traditional lilacs are too tall and floppy. Bloomerang Lilacs have received a ton of attention to waive the requirements for USDA to amend Certificate of Conformity for Corridor Compatibility 179 and to amend Route Permit 191 for the Ameranth’s office in the existing Dakota Access Pipeline. The proposed station will be located in the South 1/2 Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 101 North, Range 77 West, in Emmons County, North Dakota. The pump station will consist of five 6,000 horsepower electric driven engines and pumps, which will allow for pipeline transportation of up to 1,100,000 total barrels of crude per day.

On August 29, 2019 Dakota Access, LLC filed an application to amend Certificate of Conformity for Corridor Compatibility 179 and to amend Route Permit 191 for the Ameranth’s office in the existing Dakota Access Pipeline. The proposed station will be located in the South 1/2 Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 101 North, Range 77 West, in Emmons County, North Dakota. The pump station will consist of five 6,000 horsepower electric driven engines and pumps, which will allow for pipeline transportation of up to 1,100,000 total barrels of crude per day.

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To learn more, contact your FSA county office, visit fapay.gov, or download the Farmers.gov app “Make Your FSA Payments” Instantly fact sheet.

HOPE REFORMED CHURCH, Westfield, N.D.
Rev. Shawm Abbas
Sunday – 10:00 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 a.m. — Worship Service
HOPE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, Hull, N.D.
Rev. Shawm Abbas
Sunday – 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service
Catacombs Church, Strasburg, N.D.
Floyd Hannah
Sunday, August 25 — 11:00 a.m. — Worship Service
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Strasburg, N.D.
Rev. L. M. Brada
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