

# Lewis County FSA

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### ***New Crop Reporting Deadline***

For 2008, the final crop reporting dates will be **extended to August 15, 2008**.

Late fees will not be applied if acreage reports are filed by August 15 and all other reporting requirements are met. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including prevented planted and failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. Report of acreage must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted.

### **CRP & NAP Certification**

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

### **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

Due to flooding and heavy rains that occurred during June and July of 2008, the following practices will be available under ECP for Lewis County.

EC1 — Removing debris from farmland

EC2 — Grading, shaping, re-leveling or similar measures

EC4 — Restoring conservation structures and other measures

Land eligibility will be determined based on on-site inspections of damage, taking into account the type and extent of damage. For land to be eligible, the disaster must have created new conservation problems that, if untreated, would impair or endanger the land and materially affect its productive capacity. Under the program, cost-share monies would be available for the practices mentioned above. To qualify for cost-share assistance producers must have suffered at least \$1,000 of eligible cost share expenses. Levees or the land between the levee and the river are not eligible for cost-share under ECP. Sand deposits must be at least 6" in depth to qualify. Land on which cost-share assistance is received must maintain its agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years following the year the practice is completed. Sign-up for ECP will be **August 18th—October 17th**. Producers should apply for assistance at their local FSA office before beginning the repairs or removing debris from their acreages.

### **Agencies to Offer Flood Assistance Information**

Local and state agencies will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, August 20, at the Farm Service Agency in Monticello at 1:00 p.m. to provide assistance to local residents and farmers affected by the heavy rains and flooding this summer. Agency representatives will discuss disaster assistance and programs available for local farmers. Agencies represented will be Lewis County Farm Service Agency, National Resources Conservation Service, and University of Missouri Extension.

## Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE)

There are many questions concerning the disaster portion of the Farm Bill and the SURE program in particular that we do not have answers for at this time. We do know that to be eligible the producer will be required to have **all crops** in all counties covered by NAP or insurance if applicable. Producers, for 2008 only, will have the opportunity to pay the fees now for 2008 for both CAT insurance and NAP (\$100 per crop) in order to get eligible for SURE assistance. We should have the capability to collect these CAT and NAP fees soon. Producers will not have coverage under NAP and insurance for 2008, the fees only allow them to be eligible for SURE. **The fees for 2008 must be paid by September 16<sup>th</sup> for a producer to be eligible for SURE.**

For 2009 and future years the fees would have to be paid by the regular sales closing deadlines and the producer would actually have coverage for NAP and/or Insurance.

SURE will not offer payments for specific crop losses, but rather will provide assistance for overall Revenue losses which is computed based on all commodities produced. Producers can be eligible in a county that has a Secretarial Disaster Designation or are adjacent to one or if the producer has a greater than 50% loss regardless of county designation. The SURE program will not offer any immediate payments to producers who are suffering from the current weather conditions. Payments can not be computed until marketing prices and farm revenue can be computed sometime next year.

## 2008 DCP Program Sign-up Is Underway

Producers have until September 30, 2008 to sign-up for the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP). Producers can sign their 2008 DCP contract at any USDA Farm Service Agency County Office. Sign-up can also be completed online by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service." You can choose payment options, assign crop shares and sign and submit contracts from any computer with Internet access. You can also view and print submitted contract options.

FSA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. FSA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1, 2008. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

For all eligibility requirements or addition information, contact our office.

## August Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 3.250 %
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 4.875%
- ◆ Limited Resource 5.00%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 1.5%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 3.625%
- ◆ Commodity Loans 3.375%

## Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low interest facility loans (3.625% for August) are available from FSA for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities. The storage is for commodities including wheat, soybeans and corn.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or to remodel existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright and bunker silo-type structures.

All FSFLs are secured by a promissory note and security agreements. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower.

## Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) Sign up Underway



The EWP program assists Landowners or other entities (County Courts, Drainage Districts, etc.) to repair items such as siltation in ditches, levee breaks, log jams against bridges, etc.. The Natural Resources Conservation Services encourages anyone with damage from this springs events to contact them at the USDA building in Monticello and provide their name and contact information as well as identifying the assistance requested and marking the location on a map. Each project will be looked at and determine eligibility and will need to be sponsored by a legal sub-division of State government. Federal funds may cover up to 75% of the construction costs for most measures with the other 25% coming from the project sponsor. Contact Tim Coy at the USDA Office in Monticello with any questions or concerns. The NRCS telephone is 573-767-5276 ext.3.

## 2008 Compliance Process

Compliance spot checks will be conducted on 2008 crops. However, instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for review, a nationwide selection of producers is employed as the current sampling method. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc. If an entity is selected from the national database that is no longer farming or participating in the 2008 crop year, a notation shall be made on the spot check list. FSA appreciates the cooperation of its customers as the agency continues to enhance its operations. For more information about the spot check selection procedure, feel free to contact your local Farm Service Agency office for additional clarification.

## Removing CCC Loan Collateral

Producers are reminded, if you have grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan it cannot be removed or disposed of without prior county office staff authorization or repayment. The county office staff may issue release authorizations based on a telephone or in person request when you are ready to move the grain. A loan violation is subject to monetary and administrative penalties, such as repaying the loan at principal plus interest, liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and loan deficiency payments.

All commodity loans are subject to spot check. Locking in a market loan repayment rate is not a marketing authorization. If you are planning to move CCC loan grain, call the county office staff, before you HAUL!

**\*\*Maintaining DCP Base Acres: DCP base acres prevented from planting or left idle are required to be protected from erosion and propagation of weeds, including noxious weeds. Call our office if you have any questions.**

## Lewis County FSA

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### County Committee

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County Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8:00 AM

### Hours

Monday-Friday  
7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### District Director

Tom Balsler  
Shelby County

### Farm Loan

Kurt Shelangoski  
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### **EQIP**

Program policy for the FY 2009 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is coming soon. See NRCS for additional details. EQIP is a voluntary conservation program which can provide technical and financial assistance to implement a variety of conservation practices on cropland, pasture, forest, and wildlife acres.



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#### Dates to Remember

##### August 15

Deadline to Report All Crops and Land Uses.

##### September 1

Labor Day Holiday

##### September 16

Final Day for SURE

##### September 30

Deadline to signup for DCP

##### Ongoing

- ◆ **Update Farm Changes-Take Trust Papers to Office**
- ◆ **Crop Disaster**
- ◆ **Farm Facility Loans**
- ◆ **EQIP**



## A Change to CRP Permitted Use for Livestock Feed Needs

On July 24, 2008, the Federal court issued a Permanent Injunction which permitted certain critical feed use to continue regarding, in effect 3 categories of producers:

- ◆ Category A includes producers who were approved before the July 8, 2008
- ◆ Category B includes producers who applied for CFU before the July 8, 2008
- ◆ Category C includes producers who applied on or after July 8, 2008.

CRP participants who were approved before the July 8, 2008, 5 p.m. pt, Temporary Restraining Order (Category A) for the CFU may immediately proceed with the approved activity provided the haying or grazing must end by November 10, 2008. No rental reduction will apply; however, the acres hayed or grazed will apply towards future managed haying or grazing frequencies. CRP participants who applied (but were not approved before the July 8, 2008, 5 p.m. pt, Temporary Restraining Order) (Category B) may, if otherwise eligible, have their applications processed and approved by the County Office. However, for these cases, haying-must end by September 30, 2008, and grazing must end by October 15, 2008. No rental reduction will apply; however, the acres hayed or grazed will apply towards future managed haying or grazing frequencies. Producers in (Category C) will not be authorized to hay CRP unless documentary proof of investment of \$4,500 or greater toward haying or grazing equipment or preparation be provided between the dates of May 27, 2008 and June 8, 2008. Documentary proof includes invoices, contracts, cancelled checks and other forms of legal obligation that are dated between May 27, 2008 and June 8, 2008.

**\*\*Kansas City Commodity Office of Kansas City MO has notified the Lewis County Farm Service Agency that the capacity of the Archers Daniels Midland (ADM) Company capacity has changed from 1,114,173 bushels to 829,071 bushels. The Edina and Greentop locations are no longer merged with the Labelle location.**