



# FSA NEWS

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## County Committee Members:

**Joetta Miller-Chairperson**  
**Kim Boone-Vice-Chairperson**  
**John T Borst –Member**  
**William J Cannon-Member**  
**Marshall Stauffer-Member**

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County Committee normally meets  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at  
1:30 p.m.

### ***2007 GREENWOOD/ELK COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS***

Voted ballots were counted publicly on January 17, 2008 at the county FSA office with the following results: Joetta Miller was re-elected to the combined county committee. New members elected to the combined county committee were John T Borst and William J Cannon.

### ***CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP CONTINUES***

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. **CDP signup** for quantity loss began **October 15, 2007**. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 will be eligible to receive benefits in **only one year**. Participants may apply for loss benefits on multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. **Please call for an appointment.**

### ***LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS***

The new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) sign-up opened September 10. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive LCP compensation for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007, due to a natural disaster. The LCP program has a maximum \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

The 2005-2007 LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster

designation and physically located in the disaster county. Livestock owners must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as the results of the disaster event. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, deer, elk, equine, goats, reindeer, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Documentation must be provided with the application to prove the feed loss or any additional feed costs occurring as a direct result of an eligible disaster event. **Please call for an appointment.**

### ***REPORT 2008 WHEAT AND OTHER SMALL GRAIN ACREAGE***

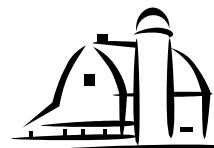
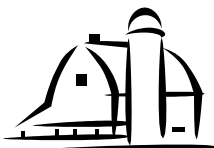
*We now have the 2008 Land Use software available and can accept 2008 acreage reports for wheat and other small grains. If you have not reported your wheat acreage, you may do so now at the county office. We will need planting dates when you report your acres. You will need to show each field planted on the digital maps by farm. Please call for an appointment. We are taking 2008 acreage reports by appointment only.*



### **FARM STORED FACILITY LOANS**

Low interest rate loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, soybeans, and corn. The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. 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. Loans in excess of \$50,000 require a real estate lien. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office staff.



### **2008 NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR CERTAIN COVERED CROPS**

**March 15, 2008** is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. **March 15** is the final day to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for coarse grains including double crop soybeans, double crop grain sorghum, cotton, vegetable and melon crops, and several other crops. Please contact the county office for additional guidelines and program information.

*We do not inherit the  
earth from our parents.  
We borrow it from our  
children.  
-Native American proverb*

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST – REPORT CHANGES IMMEDIATELY**

**Report changes** in your address or operation, and Bank Accounts that affect your FSA payments immediately.

**Foreign Investors** of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes *within 90 days* to their local FSA office, or face potential civil penalties.

**Special Accommodations** will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call our office for arrangements needed.

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