

MORRIS COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Phone: (620) 767-5111

July 2008

Office Hours: 8:00 – 4:30



County Executive Director
Chris McAfee

Committee Meeting
1st Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

County Committee
Lawrence Strouts
Leland Zerbe
Leo Hultgren
Martha Ann Mark, Advisor

Acreage Reporting Deadline News

The final date to report acreage including corn, grain sorghum, feed, sunflowers, and CRP is **August 15, 2008**. These reports are required annually to maintain eligibility for most FSA programs. When reporting crop and land uses to the FSA Office, farm producers will need to provide the field areas, the planted acreage, and the planting date of each crop. Producers participating in the NAP program must report Nap acreage 15 days prior to onset of harvest, or grazing. *Please phone your FSA office for an appointment to certify your planted small grain acreages.*

Critical Feed Use

Certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been authorized to be available for hay and grazing beginning July 16, 2008. Some of the eligible land must be reserved for wildlife and any land that is used under this authority must have a conservation plan. This land will be subject to a site inspection to ensure compliance with the conservation plan. No rental payment reduction will be assessed on contracts being utilized for this critical use however a \$75 fee will be charged to process the required contract modification. All hay or livestock must be removed as required by the conservation plan or no later than November 10, 2008. Please call the office for more information regarding the CRP Critical Feed Use.

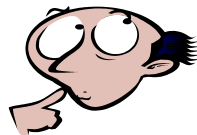
DCP – DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM

The 2008 DCP signup began June 25, 2008 and has been extended thru **September 30, 2008**. The sign up period normally ends June 1. All producers (farms) must sign into the DCP program for 2008 to be eligible for benefits. A 22% advance direct payment is available upon approval of 2008 DCP contract approval.

Sign up is by appointment, so please give the office a call when you determine what date fits your schedule.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

It is County Committee nomination time again. The deadline to submit nomination forms is August 1, 2008. This years election pertains to LAA #2; which includes townships 2E, 2W, 1NE, 1SE, 1SW, 1NW, and 2SW.



Dates to Remember.....

July 4th	Independence Day - Office closed
July 18th	Deadline for LIP, and LCP
August 1	Nomination period for COC election ends
August 15	Final date to certify spring seeded crops/CRP
Sept. 30	Final date to enroll in 2008 DCP
Ongoing:	Continuous CRP sign-up
	Farm Storage Facility Loans
	Filing CCC-633ez page 1 for LDP prior to losing beneficial interest in 2008 crops
	Record Changes



FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

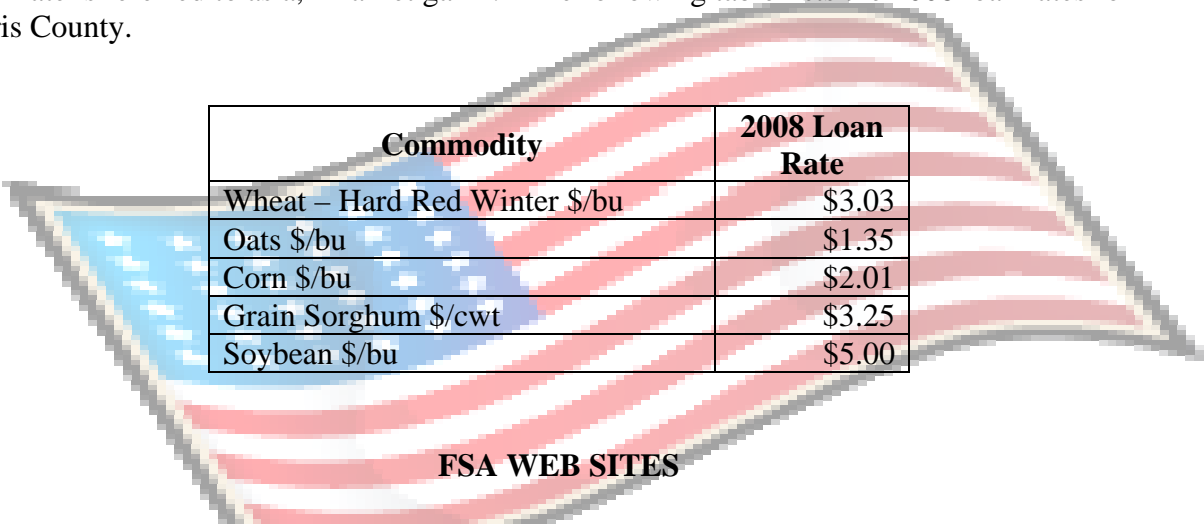
Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required. For more information on eligibility contact your local county office.

COMMODITY LOANS

Producers can take advantage of low interest rates by obtaining 9-month commodity loans through the Farm Service Agency. In order to be eligible for these loans, individuals or entities must have complied with annual program requirements, such as the following, throughout the entire crop year:

- reporting acreage for applicable crops, completing FSA-578
- completing AD-1026
- completing CCC-502
- no delinquencies on any Federal non-tax debt

Commodity loans can be repaid anytime prior to maturity, without penalty. The loan can also be repaid using the Posted County Price (PCP). Taking advantage of a PCP that is lower than the Loan Rate is referred to as a, “market gain”. The following table lists the 2008 loan rates for Morris County.



Commodity	2008 Loan Rate
Wheat – Hard Red Winter \$/bu	\$3.03
Oats \$/bu	\$1.35
Corn \$/bu	\$2.01
Grain Sorghum \$/cwt	\$3.25
Soybean \$/bu	\$5.00

FSA WEB SITES

Web sites available to you include the FSA web site at www.fsa.usda.gov, the USDA web site at www.usda.gov, and the Kansas FSA web site at www.fsa.usda.gov/ks. You can also access FSA, NRCS and RD forms online at www.sc.egov.usda.gov

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