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PHILLIPS COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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July 2008

OFFICE HOURS 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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REGULAR MEETING DATE SECOND TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH, 9:00 A.M.

Haying or Grazing of CRP acreage

Haying and grazing of CRP acreage is allowed this year under one of two options, either Critical Feed Use or Managed Haying and Grazing. There is no waiting period for the Critical Feed Use option, all CRP contracts can use this even if hayed or grazed last year.

	<u>Critical Feed Use</u>	<u>Managed Haying and Grazing</u>
Cost	\$75 per contract, no matter the acreage	25% of annual rental rate per acre

Beginning date for haying or grazing is **July 16** for both options. There are other similarities and differences between the two options. Check with our office for details.

Applicable forms must be completed and approval received prior to any haying or grazing activity beginning.

Acreage Reports

August 15, 2008 - final date for acreage reports for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, forage sorghum, and other spring planted crops.

Stop in now to report your acres. Planting dates are needed to complete an acreage report. Complete acreage reports are required to earn most program benefits.

Late filed acreage reports require a fee of \$46 per farm.



2008 Farm Program Signup DCP, Direct and Counter Cyclical Program

Signup has begun! Advance payments of 22% may be requested for July, August, or September. Final payments will be issued in October.

The deadline to sign up is September 30, 2008; ALL signatures must be returned to the FSA office by this date. We will be taking signup for DCP at the same time you report your acreage. If you have already reported your acreage contact this office for a time to complete your DCP signup.

REPORT FSA FARM RECORD CHANGES

Report record changes such as the sale of any acreage, operator change (for either fall or spring crops), estate or other entity formation or dissolution now. All changes must be reported to the county office within 30 days of the change. Failure to report changes may cause the loss of program benefits.

*From All of Us at Your
Farm Service Agency Office...
Thank You!*



2005, 2006, 2007 Disaster Programs

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) - Covers grazing losses, due to natural disasters, for Crop Years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Deadline to signup is July 18, 2008.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) - Covers livestock deaths due to natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007. Deadline to signup is July 18, 2008.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) – cover quantity losses on crops for crop years 2005, 2006, 2007. Quality Loss – an additional payment is available on crops that suffered and eligible quality loss in crop years 2005, 2006, 2007.

County Committee Election

This fall, producers in LAA-3, will hold its election. Jimmy DeBey currently represents this area, which consists of Belmont, Solomon, Deer Creek, Kirwin, Plainview, Rushville, Bow Creek, and Valley townships. **Each County Committee (COC)** member is elected by the eligible producers in their area.

Nomination petitions were mailed in June by our State Office or are available at the office, and are now being accepted for any eligible voter to be a candidate for the COC from LAA-3. FSA is required to ensure diversity on the County Committee and solicit and accept

nominations from all eligible producers in the election area, including women and minority nominees. Election guidelines and other election information are available on the internet at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>

Nominating Petitions must be returned to this office by August 1, 2008. An informational meeting will be held at the Phillips County FSA Office on July 17 at 9:00 am to discuss the COC election process and answer any questions.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

If you have a crop loss, and are covered under the NAP insurance - A notice of crop loss is to be filed within 15 days of when the loss becomes apparent, and give FSA the opportunity to inspect the acreage. All production must be verified by FSA **prior to feeding** or other disposal and all unharvested acreage must be appraised. **Loss claims on oats hay and other small grain hay, and brome grass hay need to be filed now.**

Your crop production must be reported to FSA even if you do not file a notice of loss. Now would be a good time to report your oats, wheat, triticale, or brome hay production. **Accurate and detailed crop production records are a must, and need to be kept for the current year and the prior 3 years.**



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