



WABAUNSEE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Janice Stevens was elected to the Wabaunsee FSA County Committee as a result of the 2008 election in January. The election for Wabaunsee County Committee was for the Local Administrative Area 1. This area consists of the northeast part of the county. The term for this year's elections began on February 1, 2008 and continues for three consecutive years. At the organizational meeting, Shirley Stuewe was elected as chairperson and Robert Kraus the vice chairperson. Janice Stevens will serve as the regular member.

A special thank you to Gerald Hund for serving three terms (nine years) on the Wabaunsee County FSA Committee.

2008-CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

JUNE 2, 2008, is the deadline to timely file 2008 acreage reports for **wheat, oats, triticale, and barley**. If your acreage report is not filed timely a late file fee will be charged.

DAIRY DISASTER AID SIGNUP

Eligible dairy producers can sign up for the recently announced Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP-III) at local FSA service centers. DDAP-III will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2007 because of qualifying natural disasters.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM SAFE PROJECT CP38E

Sign-up

FSA offers a new CRP practice to enhance high priority wildlife habitat in Kansas. The SAFE project will assist to design, install and maintain permanent upland bird nesting and brood-rearing habitat on any cropland, or the dryland corners of center-pivot irrigation systems. Sign-up began March 17, 2008, at local FSA offices

Eligible Land and Practices

All areas of Kansas will be eligible for this practice. Special focus will be given to land located in Kansas CRP Conservation Priority Areas 2, 5 and 8. In addition, land must meet basic CRP eligibility requirements.

Acceptable land is cropland that was planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity in four out of six years between 1996 and 2001 and is

physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agriculture commodity.

Rental Rates

Rental rates are based on three predominant soils on land offered for enrollment. FSA bases rental rates on the average value of dry-land cash rent for the past three years and adjusts rates to reflect the relative productivity of soils within each county.

SIP and PIP Payments

A one-time up front signing incentive payment (SIP) of \$100 per acre for CRP contracts for 10 or more years will be paid by FSA after eligibility criteria are met and the CRP contract is approved.

A one-time practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation costs will be paid after the CRP practice is installed, eligible costs are verified and other payment eligibility criteria are met.

Cost-share Payments

In addition to the payments described, FSA will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover.

Contracts

The effective date of the CRP contract is the first day of the month following the month of approval. In certain circumstances, producers may defer the effective date for up to six months.

Contracts are for not less than 10, nor more than 15 years.

CCC COMMODITY LOANS AND LDPS

The 2007 crop loan rates for Wabaunsee County are:

Wheat	\$2.92	Grain Sorghum	\$3.34 cwt.
Corn	\$1.96	Soybeans	\$4.91
Oats	\$1.37	Barley	\$1.80

March 31 – Final date for loans on 2007 wheat, oats, barley and honey.

May 31 – Final date for loans on 2007 feed grains and minor oilseeds.





LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

Livestock producers who suffered pasture losses directly associated from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007. Producers located in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial or presidential disaster areas during the time periods listed above are eligible to apply. Wabaunsee County did have designations in 2005 and 2006.

Livestock producers incurring losses in more than 1 year may only receive assistance for one year. Eligible livestock **must have been owned** on the start date of the disaster designation. A recent change now allows producers to file on their livestock that were in one county on January 1 and subsequently moved to another county for the grazing period. The grazing loss will be figured using the percent of loss for the county in which the livestock were actually grazed.

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. Livestock in confined feeding operations (**commercial or private**), as of the beginning date of the disaster designation, are not eligible for LCP.

Some basic information needed for applications is as follows;

- A) Type of cattle operation (i.e. cow/calf, feeder, etc...).
- B) Number of livestock owned **on January 1, 2005 or 2006** that were intended to be put on pastures for the 2005 or 2006 grazing season. Were any culled or were any replacements purchased?
- C) **PROOF OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS NEEDED:** previous years calf sales, bank asset ledgers, taxes, veterinarian bills, diaries or personal record keeping items.
- D) Pasture locations. Legal descriptions, stocking rates and lease terms are needed. **Signed lease agreements** (between the owner and tenant) must be provided on all leased pastures that we do not list you as the tenant. The terms and conditions must be listed in the agreement. We do not need the dollar figure, just the terms. (ie...acres, cash or a fixed amount).

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)


The LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and contract growers, **for livestock deaths** that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Those incurring losses in more than 1 year may receive assistance for only one year.

Eligible owners must have owned the livestock on the day they died in an eligible county as a direct result of the disaster event. The livestock must have died no later than 60 days from the disaster event ending date, but before December 31, 2007. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, catfish, chickens, crawfish, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers includes poultry and swine.

Documentation must be provided with the FSA-900 application to prove kind, type, weight and number of livestock that died, and evidence that supports date, location and cause of death.

RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office within 30 days from the occurrence. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.



Sometimes I think you have to
march right in and demand your
rights, even if you don't know what
your rights are, or who the person
is you're talking to. Then, on the
way out, slam the door.

~Jack Handey

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