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Wilson/Woodson County News

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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 sign-up 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.

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) sign-up started September 10, 2007. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive LCP compensation for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 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 February 28, 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 applications 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.**

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. **Reasonable 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.

******Note: If you believe you received this newsletter in error, or wish to be removed from future mailings, please contact your current Farm Service Agency county office.**

REPORT 2008 WHEAT AND OTHER SMALL GRAIN ACREAGE

We are now accepting 2008 acreage reports for wheat and other small grains. If you have not reported your wheat, oats or barley acreage you may do so now at the county office. We will need planting dates when reporting your wheat acreage. **Please call for an appointment.**

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.

CRP SAFE PROJECT CP38E

Sign-up begins in March 2008 for the CRP SAFE Habitat Initiative and runs continuously until the acreage goal is met. Acres may be enrolled anywhere within the cropped field, maximum acreage enrollment is 5 acres for fields less than 25 acres, or 20% of a field for 25 acres or greater with a maximum acreage of 80 acres per field. Fields less than 5 acres may be enrolled into heir entirety. Enrolled acreage must **average** between 30 and 200 feet in width, although strips may be narrower or wider in places to accommodate special concerns or better accommodate the farming operation (eliminating point rows, for example). 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 agricultural commodity. Rental rates are based on three predominant soils on land offered for enrollment. A one-time up front signing incentive payment (SIP) of \$100 per acre and a one-time practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installations costs will be paid after the CRP practice is installed, eligible costs are verified and other payment criteria are met for CRP contracts for 10 or more years will be paid by FSA after eligibility criteria are met and CRP contract is approved. In addition to the payments described, FSA will pay up to 50% of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover.

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION!

WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

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Dates to Remember	
May 31, 2008	Last day to certify wheat, oats and barley
Continues	CDP sign-up
Continues	LCP and LIP sign-up
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan applications
Continues	Rural Youth Loans for 10-20 Year Olds
Continues	Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

AT THIS TIME THERE IS CURRENTLY NO FARM BILL. AS SOON AS IT IS ANNOUNCED WE WILL INFORM YOU BY NEWSLETTER AND NEWS MEDIA.