



DISTRICT 1 – Cheyenne – Decatur – Gove – Greeley – Logan –Norton – Rawlins- Sheridan– Sherman – Thomas – Wichita – Wallace

March 2008

WHEAT ACREAGE REPORT DUE JUNE 2

The deadline for reporting wheat and other fall seeded small grains is June 2. Call your local county FSA office for an appointment to make your report.

If you decide your wheat has failed, protect your crop history by filing CCC-576 Notice of Loss prior to destroying failed acres. This eliminates any potential discrepancies between FSA and your crop insurance records. It also maintains your crop history for any future disaster payments. After reporting your failed acres, you can destroy the acreage and/or plant another crop.

OPERATION & BANK CHANGES

Report any changes in land ownership and leases. We need a copy of the deed, sales contract or property tax statement to prove land ownership. Also report any deceased owners or operators. Notify us of any new or changes in estates, trusts, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, etc.

Report changes of address or changes to your bank account number so direct deposits are made to the proper account.

CRP PRACTICE FOR UPLAND GAME BIRDS

Kansas received 30,100 acres for a special CRP practice CP38E 'SAFE Habitat for Upland Game Birds'. The acres are available without the necessity to submit a competitive bid. The purpose is to establish nesting/brood-rearing habitat anywhere within a cropped field. If you have hard to farm areas, poor soil areas, a spot to square up, pivot corners, etc. this practice may be ideal, but any cropland is eligible. You get annual rental payments, plus a one time Signup Incentive Payment (SIP) of \$100 per acre and a Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) equal to 40% of installation costs, plus 50% cost sharing to establish the permanent cover. Ask your county office for a Fact Sheet on this one for more info.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

Signup began October 15 for producers with crop production losses in excess of 35 percent in 2005, 2006, or 2007. No signup ending date has been announced. Contact your county FSA office to schedule an appointment to signup.

If you had qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007, you must choose only one year to receive benefits. You can apply for losses on multiple crops, but they must all be in the same crop year. If choosing 2007, the crops must have been planted or prevented from being planted before 2-28-07.

Only producers with crop insurance on grain crops, or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on forage crops are eligible for CDP.

We receive a download report from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) who oversees the crop insurance companies. This download report normally provides information needed to complete the CDP application so you shouldn't need to bring anything with you to signup. When the information is not provided on the RMA download report, you'll be responsible for:

- ✓ Providing production records (i.e. delivery or settlement sheets),
- ✓ Summarizing production evidence and
- ✓ Compiling an entire units' information into a report/format that can be easily understood.

A units' total CDP payment can't exceed 95% of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of a loss.

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

Signup started Sept. 10, 2007, for the **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)**, and **Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)**. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive compensation for livestock death losses under LIP, or for feed losses or additional feed costs under LCP. Losses must have occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Both programs have a separate \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

LIP - pays eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Drought is not an eligible disaster event under LIP. 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. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, chickens, deer, equine, geese, goats, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Producers with cattle death in feed lots due to an eligible disaster event are eligible. 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.

LCP - pays livestock producers who suffered feed losses or had additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan. 1, 2005 and Febr. 28, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and have been 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 a result 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 FSA-901 application to prove the feed loss or additional feed costs as a direct result of an eligible disaster event.

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 exceeding \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum loan amount is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 per borrower. A 15% down payment is required.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PAYMENT III

Signup began March 5, 2008, and ends May 5, 2008. This program pays for production losses attributed to a declared natural disaster occurring in 2005, 2006 and 2007

Provide proof of the average number of cows in the dairy herd and annual milk production commercially marketed by all persons in the dairy operation during the base period years of 2003 and 2004. You then provide the same information for the applicable disaster year 2005, 2006 or 2007. FSA will base loss calculations by comparing the average base annual production and the actual production during the applicable disaster claim year.

Only \$16 million is available for the DDAP-III, so depending on signup numbers, final payments may be factored.

FSA OFFICE LOCATOR

County	Location	Telephone
Cheyenne	W. Hwy 36, Box 767 St. Francis 67756	785-332-2183
Decatur	410 S Buffalo, Box 147 Oberlin 67749	785-475-3131
Gove	320 Broad, Box 98 Gove 67736	785-938-2270
Greeley	129 E Greeley, Box708 Tribune 67879	620-376-4332
Logan	1015 W. 2 nd Oakley 67748	785-672-4861
Norton	11640 Pineview Drive Norton 67654	785-877-5156
Rawlins	1001 Sherman, Box25 Atwood 67730	785-626-3149
Sheridan	1100 N Main, Box257 Hoxie 67740	785-675-3591
Sherman	210 W. 10 th Goodland 67735	785-899-3070
Thomas	915 E. Walnut Colby 67701	785-462-7671
Wallace	115 E. 6 th , Box 608 Sharon Springs 67758	785-852-4213
Wichita	612 W Broadway Box340 Leoti 67861	620-375-2332

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors, who buy, sell, or hold a direct or indirect interest in US agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the Farm Service Agency. Reports must be made within with in 90 days of the date of the transaction by completing Form FSA-153. This form can be obtained at any FSA county office. Failure to report results in a civil penalty of 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed. .

TRUSTS – Revocable & Irrevocable

Farm loan customers considering utilizing a trust, should contact their local Farm Loan Manager for information on how a trust will affect future servicing of their loan or eligibility for additional credit. The Farm Loan Manager will be able to provide specific items that should be included in the trust document, which the attorney will be able to incorporate at the time the trust is developed.

FSA WEBSITE

www.fsa.usda.gov for FSA forms and program information.

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DIRECT & GUARANTEED LOANS

FSA makes loans directly to the borrower or will guarantee loans made by commercial lenders to farm operators who want to buy farm land, livestock, equipment, or need operating money.

To qualify for a direct loan, applicants must have sufficient repayment ability and loan collateral, and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere. Loans are considered for up to 100% of security value.

If you want to do business with a commercial lender, the lender may want a guarantee on the loan. The bank applies to FSA for the guarantee. Often a combination of our direct and guaranteed financing is used.

Direct loans available:

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans
- Beginning farmer operating (less than 10 yrs farming)
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- Youth loans up to \$5,000 (10-20 year olds)
- Socially Disadvantaged operating (females & minorities)
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- Emergency operating loans (weather related)

Guaranteed loan available:

- Farm operating loans
- Farm ownership loans

FARM LOAN OFFICES

Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace counties are served from our office at 210 W. 10th, Goodland, Ks. 785-899-3070.

Logan, Gove, Thomas counties are served from our office at 1015 2nd Street, Oakley, Ks. 785-672-4861.

Decatur, Rawlins, Norton, Phillips counties are served from our office at 11640 Pine View Dr, Norton, Ks. 785-877-5156.

Sheridan county is served from our office at 100 N. 12th, Hill City, Ks. 785-421-2115.

Greeley, Wichita counties are served from our office at 2106 East Spruce, Garden City, Ks. 620-275-0211.

EMERGENCY LOANS

To qualify provide evidence of a qualifying production loss of at least 30% to at least one cropping enterprise. Also covered are physical losses to installations, equipment, livestock or buildings. Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses. Interest rate 3.75%. Current disaster designations:

Designation & Counties	Disaster & Date	Application Deadline
S2558 RA	Flood, Hail, High Wind 1-01-07 & continuing	04-09-08
S2593 GO, NT, DC, GL LG, SD, TH, WH	Hail, Wind, Flood 5-22-07 to 6-19-07	05-27-08