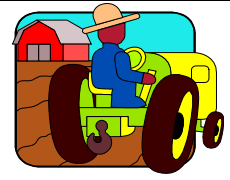




USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY BULLETIN



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County Committee Meetings: Leavenworth-Wyandotte – 2nd Wednesday of each month; Atchison – 2nd Friday of each month

January 2007
Office hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The FSA Office will be closed on January 15th for Martin Luther King Day, and on February 19th for Presidents Day.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS SLOW DCP ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Participants in the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program should allow extra time to complete the signup process this year due the need to thoroughly review all payment eligibility forms. A recent national audit of FSA program payments for 2006 shows incomplete applications, improper signing of program forms, and inadequate documentation of signature authority which could have resulted in over \$2.8 billion in FSA subsidies being considered erroneous. A closer look at the problem revealed the discrepancies to be minor in nature, but seriously compromising to the integrity of our federal farm subsidies.

Please contact the office when you are ready to begin the enrollment process. Notify the staff of any changes to your farming operation for 2007. This includes changes in crop shares, changes of farm ownership, cropland

changes, etc. We will prepare your DCP contracts and pull all of your eligibility forms to be ready for your review when you visit the office. The eligibility review includes determining that the proper forms are completed depending on whether you are an individual, a trust, a corporation, a partnership, or other entity. It also includes the existence of your certification of conservation compliance, and adjusted gross income.

If you are signing as agent for another producer, or entity, care must be taken to ensure your signature format is proper and that the signature authority is documented on the appropriate legal forms, such as trust documents, corporate articles and by-laws, or partnership agreements. If supporting documentation is not on file with our office, approval of your 2007 contracts will be delayed until the necessary documents are provided.

DCP ADVANCES AVAILABLE, BUT REDUCED

Advance payments on the direct portion of your DCP contract is available by request at the time of enrollment. This years advance is 22% of the total direct benefit. The balance will be paid in October, 2007. At this time, no counter cyclical payment advances are available as the projection for the 2006 marketing year is zero for all local program commodities.

2006 COMMODITY LOAN RATES

County	Corn	Soybeans	Milo	Wheat
Atchison	\$2.02	\$4.97	\$3.48cwt	\$3.05
Leavenworth	2.04	5.12	3.58	3.17
Wyandotte	2.07	5.14	3.48	3.20



The deadline to request commodity loan for 2006 crops is March 30, 2007 for wheat and oats, and May 31, 2007 for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans. Find out more about loans, LDP's and posted county prices at www.fsa.usda.gov.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections have concluded for the 2006 year. In Atchison County, incumbent Doug Schrader was re-elected for his third term representing local administrative area #2. In Leavenworth-Wyandotte County, Mark Meinke will serve his first term as representative for local administrative area #3. Elected terms will begin on January 1, 2007 and are in effect for three years. Stanley Wiehe, Wyandotte County producer has recently completed his 20th year of service to FSA and local producers as county committee member. Term limits have prevented Stan from seeking another term as committee member. We, the FSA staff, would like to thank Stan for his many years of service to the office, and to the farmers of Leavenworth and Wyandotte County.

2006 COMMODITY LOANS

Producers can obtain a nine month commodity loan and take advantage of low interest rates through the Farm Service Agency. Individuals or entities requesting the loan need to meet the eligibility requirements of the program. These requirements include reporting acreage for the current year, being in conservation compliance, having a farm operating plan for payment eligibility, and having no delinquencies on any Federal non-tax debt. Eligible producers can obtain commodity loans by placing the commodity in approved farm or warehouse storage.

Producers requesting a farm stored loan can either request a measurement service or certify the loan quantity on a CCC-666. When requesting a warehouse stored loan, a warehouse receipt must be obtained and brought to the FSA Office showing storage prepaid for nine months. The payable amount of the loan will be 100% of the net quantity on the warehouse receipt.

NEW MEASUREMENT SERVICE CHARGES

We were recently informed of an increase to the charge for completion of measurement services. This includes bin measurements, or cropland verifications usually associated with late-filed acreage reports. The current charge is a minimum of \$46 for the first hour, plus \$8 for each additional half hour. This charge will be applied on a farm number basis.

Office Staff: *Farm Programs Effingham: Diane Kiehl, Jayne Wehking, Cindy Harden*
Farm Loan Programs Effingham: Pam Oswald, Kathy Hawk, Eric Guenther, Bruce Nutsch
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