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Loan Rates

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
WHEAT	\$2.87	\$2.99
CORN	\$1.86	\$1.85
SOYBEANS	\$4.91	\$4.90
OATS	\$1.34	\$1.34
GR SORGHUM	\$3.31	\$3.36
SUNFLOWERS	\$9.14	\$7.96

BROWN COUNTY FSA FARMLINE

MAY 2007

DCP – DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

The sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007. All contract signatures must be obtained and returned to the FSA office by this deadline to be considered timely filed. The late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007 and before September 28, 2007. Advance payments for direct payments are 22% of the total direct payment.

Appointments are being scheduled for the DCP signup. Please call for an appointment time.

?FAILED WHEAT ACRES?

Trying to decide what to do with freeze damaged wheat acres? Producers need to notify FSA if they plan to destroy crops that may have been affected by the low temperatures. A Notice of Loss, CCC-576, must be completed to maintain history for crops that will be destroyed. If you have already reported your wheat to FSA and have already destroyed the crop, you may still file a late-filed failed application through May 31, 2007. Producers who have crop insurance and have notified their crop insurance agent will still need to contact FSA to ensure planting history is protected.

2007 ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE

May 31, 2007 is the final date to certify small grains (wheat, oats, and barley). August 1, 2007 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops (corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, pulse crops) and CRP).

Reporting of crop acreage is required on farms that are enrolled in DCP, have acreage enrolled in CRP, NAP crops, fruits and vegetables, or produce crops (including wool and unshorn pelts) for which a loan or loan deficiency payment (LDP) may be requested.

Please contact the county office to schedule your appointment for acreage reporting.

RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded 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.

RECONSTITUTION DEADLINE

To be effective for 2007, farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1, 2007. A request for a reconstitution after 2007 DCP payments have been issued shall be processed for 2008 unless all payments received are refunded.

2007 CCC-633 EZ Page 1
Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Agreement and Request

Producers are reminded to sign a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, prior to losing beneficial interest in any commodity. Make sure the form is signed prior to harvest for any 2007 commodities. By timely filing a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, it will allow you to later file a request for Loan Deficiency Payment even after you have lost beneficial interest. A good time to sign the Page 1 is when you visit the county FSA office to enroll in DCP or report small grain acreage. Owners and operators must sign separate forms.

2006 LOAN & LDP DEADLINE

The deadline to request a 2006 corn, sorghum, soybean, or sunflower loan or loan deficiency payment is May 31, 2007. Production for feed grains that has been sold can be provided to the county office until May 31, 2007 for producers who have a CCC-633 EZ page one on file for 2005. The May interest rate for commodity loans is 5.875%.

SODBUSTER, SWAMPBUSTER

Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Be sure to have determinations made on any new land you plan to plant to annual crops. If you plan to plant a different crop on your current cropland, check with NRCS to assure the new crop will qualify under your conservation system. Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to make possible the planting of a crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits. To avoid this possibility it is strongly recommended that producers check with NRCS before starting any kind of dirt work.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, rice, 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. A minimum down payment is also required.

The interest rate changes each month. The May interest rate for Farm Storage Facility Loans is 4.625%. For details, contact the county office staff.

CP 33 ACRES AVAILABLE

Kansas received an additional allocation of 35,000 acres for Habitat Buffers for Northern Bobwhite Quail under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Practice CP33. The purpose of CP33 is to provide food and cover for bobwhite quail in cropland acres. Cropland must be suitably located and adaptable to the establishment of bobwhite quail. Eligible land may be enrolled in CP33 anytime under the continuous CRP. However, signup for the practice will end December 31, 2007 or when the acres are all enrolled, whichever comes first. Contact the local USDA Service Center for more information.

CRP ACREAGE MAINTENANCE

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are reminded they are responsible for maintaining the cover of all CRP acreage in accordance with their conservation plan of operations (CPO). Weeds and noxious weeds must not be allowed to produce seed. Brush and trees must also be controlled on CRP acreage. Corrective action must not be taken during primary nesting season which began on April 15 and continues through July 15.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE

The nomination period begins June 15, 2007 for this years County Committee Election and continues through August 1, 2007. The person elected will serve a three year term beginning in January of 2008. Nomination forms (FSA-669A) are available at the county office or on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections.

FSA GUARANTEED LOANS

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. FSA guaranteed loans are for both Farm Ownership and Operating purposes. More information can be obtained from your local USDA Service Center. Brown County's contact is Farm Loan Programs located in the Atchison County Service Center which may be reached at 913-833-5460, extension 25 or 26.

LOANS FOR BEGINNING, SMALL AND LIMITED RESOUCE FARMERS & RANCHERS

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit otherwise. A primary objective of FSA's farm loan programs is to assist small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged (minority and female) producers. In fact, a portion of FSA's loan funds are reserved for beginning and socially disadvantaged producers. Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at local USDA Service Centers. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 28** **MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 31** **Final Loan/LDP availability date for corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, and sunflowers**
- May 31** **Acreage Reporting Deadline for wheat, oats, and barley**
- July 4** **4TH OF JULY – OFFICE CLOSED**
- August 1** **Acreage Reporting Deadline for corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and CRP.**
- August 3** **DCP Enrollment Deadline**

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