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**COC MEETINGS:**  
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**Loan Rates**  
**2007**

WHEAT	\$2.99
CORN	\$1.85
SOYBEANS	\$4.90
OATS	\$1.34
GR SORGHUM	\$3.36
SUNFLOWERS	\$7.96

**Interest Rates**

Commodity Loans – 5.25%  
Farm Stored Facility Loans  
– 4.375%

# BROWN COUNTY FSA FARMLINE

OCTOBER 2007

## **FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The 2007 election for the Brown County Committee will be for Local Administrative Area 2. This area includes Hamlin, Hiawatha and Mission townships. The ballots for this election will be mailed to all eligible producers in LAA 2 by November 2, 2007. Ballots must be returned to our office or postmarked by December 3, 2007. Ballots will be counted on December 6, 2007 at 10:00 am. The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in their county election because FSA county committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA programs at the local level and also help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs their county offers. Committee members work to make FSA programs serve the needs of local producers. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. Committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.



## **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 contract for sale of real estate, 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.

## **LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS**

Are you a rancher or livestock producer? Did you suffer feed or livestock losses because of natural disasters in recent years? If so, you may be eligible to receive benefits through two new disaster programs. Sign-up began for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) on September 10, 2007. LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. The closing date for these sign-ups will be announced later.

## **CROP DISASTER PROGRAM**

Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers must choose only one year to apply for benefits. 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. The closing date for this sign-up will be announced later.

## **SELLING LAND?**

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, when selling land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), if the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you may have to refund all of the payments you've received to date. Please consider discussing possible program consequences with the county office staff before selling any land.

### **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. There is a \$45 application fee to begin the application process.

The interest rate changes each month. The October interest rate for Farm Storage Facility Loans is 4.375%. For details, contact the county office staff.

### **2007 COMMODITY LOANS**

Low interest, 9-month loans on 2007 commodities are available. This marketing tool is a great way to utilize working capital while you wait for local prices to rise, pay off higher interest notes with low interest money, or purchase next year's inputs at reduced rates.

### **MARKET GAIN REPORTED ON IRS FORM 1099-G**

Beginning with the 2007 calendar year, market gain associated with the repayment of a CCC loan, whether the producer repays the loan with cash or uses commodity certificates in exchange of the outstanding loan collateral will be reported on IRS Form 1099-G.

### **PAYMENTS: CHECK YOUR MAILBOX**

2007 Direct (DCP) final payments will be issued to producers on or about Oct. 9, 2007. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments for 2007 will be issued to CRP producers on or about Oct. 9, 2007. Direct deposits may be in your bank around Oct. 12, 2007. Be watching the mailbox for your payment statements or checks.

### **CONDUCT USDA BUSINESS ONLINE!**

Do you have access to the Internet? Do you have an e-mail account? Access USDA 24 hours a day 7 days a week! Complete the steps to set up an e-Authentication Level 2 Account and be able to conduct USDA business online! Access [www:eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www:eauth.egov.usda.gov) and complete the 18 question profile. You will receive a confirmation e-mail which you must respond to within 7 days. You must bring your photo ID to the USDA Service Center to have your "identity proofed".



### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>October 8</b>	<b>Office closed in observance of Columbus Day</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Crop Disaster Signup Begins</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Office closed in observance of Veterans Day</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>December 3</b>	<b>Election Ballots due</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Election Ballots counted</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Office closed in observance of Christmas Day</b>
<b>On-going</b>	<b>Livestock Disaster Signup</b>



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