



CHASE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

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The Chase County FSA Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the
USDA Service Center 219 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

Continuous CRP is an ongoing signup for high priority areas. One practice, CP-33-Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, allows a 30 to 120 foot strip around entire fields to provide food and cover for quail and other species. Kansas is limited on these acres but still has some acres remaining. Other practices include filter strips, waterways, contour grass strips and wetland restoration. CRP maintenance is your responsibility and is randomly spot-checked by our office. Be sure to follow plan developed with NRCS and notify them when maintenance measures are performed, such as burning, spraying or mowing. If you think you have a problem with noxious weeds, contact Steve Griffin, County Weed Supervisor. Non noxious weeds also need to be controlled to prevent crowding of grass stand.

ACREAGE REPORTS

August 1 is the final date to report your CRP, corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers, alfalfa, other hay and double crop acres. Complete acreage reports are required for most programs. Late filed fee of \$46 per farm (minimum) applies to reports received after this date, as field visits must be made to verify crops.

PROGRAM SIGN UP

All signatures on DCP Contracts must be received or post marked by August 3. A late filed fee of \$100 will be assessed on farms enrolled after this date.

CHANGES IN FARMING OPERATION

Producers are reminded to report changes in their farming operation as soon as possible in order for payments to be timely and accurately issued.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Emergency Loans (EM) are available if a natural disaster has been declared in the county in which you operate a farm or ranch, or in a county adjoining such an area. To qualify for an EM loan, an applicant must be an established family farm operator, provide evidence of having a qualifying production or physical loss of at least 30% and be unable to obtain suitable credit from a source other than FSA. Farmers and ranchers have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply. A number of disaster declarations for Chase County have been determined and are still in effect.

S2506 Drought, Excessive Winds, High Temperatures from 1/1/2006 – 12/31/2006.
Application deadline is 11/21/2007

S2525 Warm Temperatures then Prolonged Freezing from 4/4/2007 – 4/10/2007.
Application deadline is 2/15/2008.

M1699 Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding from 5/4/2007 - 5/18/2007.
Application deadline is 2/1/2008.



FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

Selected Interest Rates for July 2007

Farm Operating Loans --- 5.125%

Farm Ownership Loans --- 5.375%

Farm Ownership Loans --- 4.00%

(Down-payments)

Emergency Loans --- 3.75%

*"Dogs come when they are called;
Cats take a message and get back to you later."*

-- Mary Bly --



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