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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- June 15, 2007 Nominations
- Start for COC LAA #2
- Nomination deadline is August 15, 2007
- July 4, Independence Day
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Last day to certify acres.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 Last day to sign a DCP contract for 2007.

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# DONIPHAN FSA FARMLINE

JUNE 2007



**DCP Extended**

The signup 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.

**2007 Acreage Reporting**

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.



**County Committee Nominations**

The Nomination period begins June 15, 2007 and runs through August 1, 2007. LAA #2 will be elected this year and includes the townships of Center, Wayne, and Independence. Nominations can be made on a 669A form which was mailed to all households recently or you can pick up a form at the Doniphan FSA Office. You must be a landowner or operator to be eligible to serve on the COC.

**Farm Storage Facility Loans**

Farm Storage Facility Loans are available at low interest rates to those producers who can prove a need for increased storage. The first step is to fill out an application at the Doniphan FSA office and pay a \$45.00 application fee. The loans when approved are for seven years with a payment due each year or you can pay off the loan in full at any time during the seven year period.

**Record Changes**

If you have bought or sold land or you 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 programs.

**Sodbuster Swampbuster**

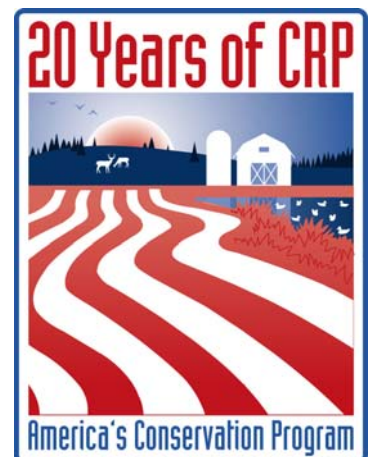
Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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.

**CP33 Acres Available**

The purpose of CP 33 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. Buffer species may include native warm-season grass, legumes, wildflowers, forbs, and limited shrub plantings, as specified in the participant's approved conservation plan.

Eligible land may be enrolled in CP 33 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.



## AFIDA

The farm service agency is reminding foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated the responsibility for collecting this information to the Farm Service Agency. Foreign investors buying or selling land must report such transactions within 90 days of the date of the sale. Failure to file an accurate or timely report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

## NAP

December 1, 2007 is the final application date for 2007 peaches, alfalfa, oats, and all grasses for hay or forages. Most other vegetables and pumpkins application date is March 15, 2007. Producers with losses are to notify FSA within 15 days of the loss.

Producers who do not have a loss are required to provide production evidence to report and verify 2007 production. Producers are encouraged to pay the cost of a field reporter to verify the production in the field.

## FSA Guaranteed Loans

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit 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 regarding FSA guaranteed loans can be obtained from your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

Loans are also available for Beginning, Small and Limited Resource Farmers & Rancher. A primary objective of FSA's farm loan programs is to assist small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged (minority and female) producers.



## CRP REMINDERS

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants are reminded that maintenance is an ongoing process throughout the life of the CRP contract. When the CRP fields were enrolled, there was an additional \$5 per acre per year added on to the rental rate for maintenance. The rate has now been lowered to \$4 on new contracts. Maintenance may include spraying of trees or noxious weeds, cutting down trees, mowing if needed during the establishment phase, burning, fixing erosion areas, etc.

Many of our CRP fields are not receiving the required maintenance. It is a violation of the CRP contract to have any trees, noxious weeds, or erosion present. Keep in mind that April 15 thru July 15 is the primary nesting and brood rearing season for wildlife and the CRP should not be disturbed unless it is authorized by NRCS.

Trees seem to appear out of nowhere in our CRP fields so it is important to keep them controlled when they are small and less costly to control. The same applies for sericea lespedeza and johnsongrass. The smaller the patch of noxious weeds, the easier it is to control.

For those that would like to do managed haying or grazing of your CRP acres, do not forget to file a request at the FSA office and visit with NRCS so your CRP plan can be revised. Remember that haying or grazing your CRP takes away 25% of your rental rate on the acres grazed for that year. A few of the rules concerning managed haying and grazing have changed since last year. Managed haying can be conducted no more frequently than once every 10 years and is limited to 50 percent of the field or contiguous fields. Contracts to be hayed twice in 10 years must wait 5 years between halves. Managed grazing can be conducted no more frequently than once every 5 years on up to 100 percent of the acreage at no more than 75 percent of the stocking rate.

If you have questions about what you can and cannot do on your CRP acres, check at the FSA or NRCS office so you are not caught with an unexpected violation.

## Emergency Loans

Bill Fuller State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency has announced that Doniphan County is eligible for emergency loans to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to the strong storms and flooding from May 4 through May 18, 2007. Eligible loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year. Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current interest loan is 3.75%. Producers must meet eligibility requirements and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.