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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 10 - Livestock Program starts
- October 15 – Disaster Program starts
- December 3 - COC election ballots to be returned

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Final DCP Payments

The final payments for DCP are usually issued in the month of October and will be issued as soon as final approval and rates are received by our office.

CRP Payments

The CRP annual rental payment will be issued in the month of October as soon as payments are released.



County Committee Election

A county committee member will be elected this year who represents the townships of Center, Wayne, and Independence. You must be a landowner or operator to be eligible to vote in the election. Ballots will be sent to all eligible voters. The final date to return ballots is Dec 3, 2007.

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.

Livestock Assistance

The Farm Service Agency has announced that eligible livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program beginning Sept. 10, 2007.

Farmers need to come to your local FSA office and fill out the worksheet to prove that you have a grazing loss or forage loss. The program also applies to cattle that have died due to heat or blizzards. The eligible years for the livestock program are 2005 and 2006. The COC will meet to determine the percentage of loss.

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CRP for Bobwhite Quail

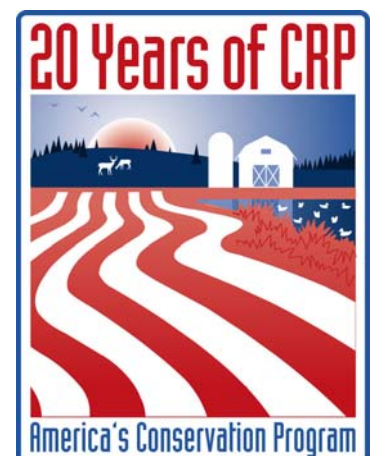
Recently, a practice was made available through the Conservation Reserve Program known as the Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative. Its practice number is CP33. It is the only CRP practice designed to provide much needed nesting, brood-rearing, and winter cover specifically for Bobwhite quail.

This practice allows the landowner to plant native grass buffers along the borders of existing cropland. These buffer strips can be a minimum of 30 feet wide to a maximum of 120 feet, and can be located along the entire field border or only a part of the field border. Portions of the field border where water leaves or enters the field are required to be buffered. **Up to 10 percent of the CP33 acres for any given field can be planted to shrubs for winter/escape cover.**

Kansas currently has a little over 33,000 acres available for this practice statewide. These acres will be available until December 31, 2007 or until they are committed. This is a continuous sign-up practice, so producers may enroll at any time as long as acres are available. Sign-up for this practice can be done through the Farm Services Agency at your local USDA Service Center or your local buffer coordinator. Assistance may also be obtained through Randy Whiteaker, District Wildlife Biologist, at 785-935-2552 or randyw@wp.state.ks.us.

Grain Loan Program

Marketing loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. Grain loans can be made on sorghum, wheat, corn and soybeans in Doniphan County. Farm stored loans are available as well as Warehouse stored loans.



EQIP Cutoff Date Announced by NRCS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced **Friday, November 2, 2007**, as the cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications to be considered for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 funding.

EQIP—one of the largest programs in the 2002 Farm Bill—is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state, and federal regulations.

When farmers or ranchers apply for 2008 EQIP funding, they will be required to fill out the Kansas EQIP Self-Assessment Worksheet.

If they plan to apply, they should start the process very soon if they haven't done so already. The self-assessment worksheet is an educational tool providing landowners with a clear indication of what natural resource concerns they have, what they can accomplish, and what they need to do to qualify for the program.

EQIP is available to help address the unique circumstances and concerns of limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers, who have natural resource concerns that need to be addressed on their land. In Kansas limited resource and beginning farmers and ranchers may receive a higher payment rate through EQIP for structural and vegetative practices.

The FY 2008 Kansas EQIP eligible priority natural resource concerns are as follows:

- Forestland Health—Productivity, Health, Vigor
- Grazing Lands Health—Productivity, Health, Vigor; Noxious or Invasive Plants; and Inadequate Stockwater
- Soil Condition—Organic Matter Depletion
- Livestock Waste—Water Quality and Air Quality
- Water Quality—Nutrients/Pesticides/Suspended Sediment
- Water Quantity—Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land; Aquifer Overdraft; Insufficient Water Flows in Water Courses

After November 2, 2007, NRCS staff will begin evaluating applications received in Kansas. All contracts will be signed and obligated with producers by January 25, 2008.

Kansas received over \$23.9 million in FY 2007, and over 1,600 contracts were funded. More than 2,900 applications were received.

The objective of EQIP is to address natural resource concerns through the application of improved conservation systems. EQIP is an environmental enhancement program.



New Buffer Coordinator Promotes Conservation Filter Strips

John Meisenheimer is the new Buffer Coordinator for the Doniphan County Conservation District. He replaces Paul Kleppe who has served in this position for several years. In his new position Meisenheimer will work to encourage the planting of grass filter strips or tree buffer strips along streams. Placing these strips along streams is one proven way of filtering runoff water from crop fields to help reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, and eroded soil that enters streams.

Filter strips may be entered into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and this will allow the landowner to receive cost share to plant the strip and receive annual rental payments through the CRP program. CRP grass filter strips may be from 30 feet to 120 feet wide along the stream. Landowners in Doniphan County have already installed over 900 acres of filter strips since it is easy to see the benefits of planting these strips. If you are interested in knowing more about filter strips call the Doniphan County Conservation, District/Natural Resources Conservation Service Office at 785-985-2221.

Crop Disaster Program

Beginning on October 15 a crop disaster program will be announced for the years 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Change of Address

All correspondence that is sent to our office should be sent to:

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510 East Locust
Troy, Kansas 66087-4208

Please note that we no longer have a post office box. FSA, NRCS, and the Conservation District all share a rural mailbox (510 E. Locust).