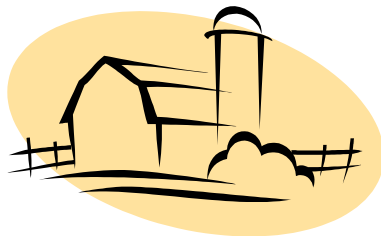


FSA FARM NEWS

SERVING DOUGLAS COUNTY

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County Committee Meeting Date:
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 9:00 a.m.

May 2007

Douglas County FSA Committee:
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DCP Enrollment Deadline Extended

The sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007.

The extension is due to issues involving the performance of the Farm Service Agency's web-based computer system. The late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007 and before the final date of September 28, 2007.

Acres Reporting

Acres reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acres report for all crops and land uses, including failed acres and preventing planting acres, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

For acres reporting history purposes, a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, for wheat that failed because of the freeze, must be filed in our office by May 31, 2007. Prevented planting must be reported early enough for the county office to make a determination that the crop was prevented from being planted.

For Noninsurance Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) purposes, the report needs to be filed within 15 calendar days after the disaster event occurred.

The last date to report small grains is May 31, 2007. The last date to report all other land uses including CRP is August 1, 2007.

COC Nominations

The Douglas County Farm Service Agency committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates for the local county committee election to be held this fall. The nomination period will begin June 15, 2007 and run through August 1, 2007.

Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or any other producer in Local Administration Area #3 to run for a seat on the committee.

FSA county committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements. For example, the person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by the agency, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local

administrative area in which the person is a candidate. A complete list of eligibility requirements is posted online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/cocelig06.htm>.

The locally elected committees are responsible for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers and ranchers and bring local expertise and knowledge to USDA's daily delivery of programs and services.

Eligible voters may circulate or sign nomination petitions for as many candidates as they choose, including themselves. Also, organizations representing minorities and women farmers or ranchers are encouraged to nominate candidates. The deadline for submitting nominations to local county offices is August 1.

Nomination forms are available at the FSA county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

Reminder to File CCC-633EZ Page 1 for LDPs

Producers are reminded to sign a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, prior to losing beneficial interest in any commodities. Make sure the form is signed prior to harvest of any 2007 commodities. By filing a timely CCC-633EZ, Page 1, it will allow you to later file a request for Loan Deficiency Payment even after you have lost beneficial interest. Be sure to sign Page 1 when you are in the office to sign up for DCP or report your small grain acreage. Owners and operators must sign separate forms. If you are a multi-county producer, you only need to file one CCC-633EZ, Page 1, to cover all commodities in all counties.



2008 Cost Share Sign Up

The Douglas County Conservation District has a cost-share program that helps landowners implement approved conservation practices. The State Conservation Commission makes cost share funds available through the Water Resources and Non-Point Source Pollution Cost-Share Program. These programs provide financial assistance to landowners for conservation practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and/or conserve water. The Conservation District accepts requests for financial assistance during a sign-up. All cost-share applications are prioritized by water quality pollution assessment, by practice, and given a point ranking score. The applications are reviewed by the Conservation District Board for funding considerations. Landowners are then notified by the Conservation District if the project is approved or denied for cost-share assistance.

The FY 2008 cost share sign up begins July 2, 2007. If you have questions about the cost-share program, what practices are eligible or what practices you need, feel free to give the conservation district office a call at 785-843-4260 Ext 3.

Rural Youth Loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Contact your local FSA office for more details.

Dates to Remember	
April 15 through July 15	Kansas Primary Nesting Season
May 28	Office Closed - Memorial Day
May 31	Final date to request commodity loans and LDPs on 2006-crop feed grains, minor oilseeds, soybeans, and cotton.
May 31	Final date to certify small grains.
June 15	Nominations for COC Elections begin.
July 4	Office Closed - Independence Day
August 1	Final date to submit nominations for COC election.
August 1	Final date to certify spring seed crops and CRP. NAP acres must be certified by August 1 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing.
August 1	Final date to request a farm reconstitution.
August 3	Final date to sign up for DCP, without paying a late fee.
On-going	Continuous CRP, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Rural Youth Loans.

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