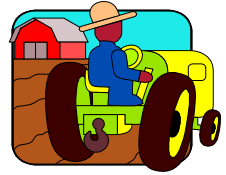




USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY BULLETIN



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County Committee Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month

October 2007
Office hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm

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LEAVENWORTH WYANDOTTE OFFICE SET TO CLOSE OCTOBER 24TH

Leavenworth and Wyandotte County producers were informed in June that the Leavenworth/Wyandotte FSA County Office was being combined with the Jefferson County FSA Office in Oskaloosa, Kansas. Leavenworth/Wyandotte County was one of eight county offices included in the Kansas County Office Restructuring Plan approved earlier by USDA Secretary Mike Johanns. The consolidation of Leavenworth/Wyandotte County with Jefferson County will be officially completed as of October 24th. After this date, producers will conduct their FSA business at the Jefferson County FSA Office at 700 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066. Producers can contact the office by phone at 785-863-2221 or by Fax at 785-863-3229. Office hours

are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Leavenworth/Wyandotte County producers that selected an alternate county office to transfer their farm records will finalize the remainder of their 2007 crop year FSA business at the Oskaloosa office. The official transfer to their alternate county office will be applicable for the 2008 crop year.

Serving the farmers and ranchers of Leavenworth and Wyandotte Counties will continue to be a high priority. The Kansas FSA employees of the newly consolidated Jefferson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte County FSA Office in Oskaloosa look forward to meeting and working with the county producers.

PAYMENTS ISSUED IN OCTOBER

The FSA office is currently issuing payments for 2007 benefits earned under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). Producers can expect to receive payment statements during the month of October. The DCP payments are the direct portion of the 2007 payment. If you requested an advance payment earlier this year, that amount will be deducted from your final payment. Most of these payments are issued as direct deposits, so if you have made changes to your bank account information, it may delay receipt of your payment. Please keep us informed of such changes.

DISASTER PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – Signup began on September 10th and no deadline has been established to date. This program provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by eligible natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Applications must be accompanied by documents showing evidence of loss, current physical location of livestock in inventory, and the location of livestock at the time of death.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) – Signup began on September 10th and no deadline has been established to date. LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from eligible natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock includes dairy and beef cattle among other livestock that were physically located in the disaster affected county at the beginning of the disaster period and have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation. An eligible producer must have owned or cash-leased the eligible livestock, and suffered an eligible feed loss from produced

or purchased feed stuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster condition. The feed lost, or additional incurred feed cost must have been intended for use with the eligible livestock. Contact the FSA office for more details.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) – Signup will begin on October 15th. CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006 and for 2007 crops if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. 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 payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price.

COMMODITY LOANS AVAILABLE

Producers of 2007 crop corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats and soybeans can receive a 9-month loan on farm or warehouse stored grain that is still in their control. The grain must be dry, and in an approved storage structure that is accessible for sampling and inspection. Permanently installed, inside and outside ladders are required on any farm-storage structure. Warehouse receipts for grain stored in-town must show storage prepaid for the life of the loan. There is a \$45 service fee for each loan. October interest = 5.25%. A lien search for federal, state or county liens will be conducted prior to loan disbursement and may require a lien waiver. The following loan rates apply:

	Wheat		Oats	Corn	Soybeans	Milo
	HRW	SRW				
Leavenworth	\$3.29	\$2.70	\$1.37	\$2.03	\$5.11	\$3.63 cwt
Wyandotte	\$3.32	\$2.70	\$1.37	\$2.06	\$5.13	\$3.53 cwt



REMINDERS:

Farm Records Changes: Changes to your farm records such as purchase or sale of land, change of operator, change of cropland, changes to bank account information, etc., must be reported to our office to avoid compliance problems or payment omissions.

Holidays: The FSA office will be closed on November 12th in observance of Veterans Day, and on November 22nd in observance of Thanksgiving.

Measurement Services: Measurements requested for bins, or fields, are charged at \$46 for the first hour and \$8 for each additional one-half hour. These charges are on a per farm basis.

FSA Website -- For FSA forms, and the latest on FSA programs and farm loans, try www.fsa.usda.gov.

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