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Lyon County News

**Lyon County
USDA Service Center**

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County Committee meets
1st Tuesday of the month
9:00 a.m.

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**County Committee
Election**

The 2007 Lyon County Committee election will be held for the southern third of the county. Nominations will be accepted from June 15 – August 1, and are encouraged from minorities and unrepresented groups. Nomination forms and Fact Sheets can be obtained from any FSA Office or at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/

Nominations will be mailed in November and must be returned by December 3rd. Ballots can not be signed by a power of attorney.

**DCP Enrollment Deadline Extended To
August 3, 2007**

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 September 28, 2007.

Acreage Reporting

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

For acreage reporting history purposes, failed acreage must be reported before disposition of the crop. 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.

Acreage reports are required if you want to be eligible for Farm Service Agency programs. Acreages must be certified by May 31 for small grains and August 1 for all other crops. Small grains that are hayed or grazed must be reported no later than 15 days prior to haying or grazing.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of August 1, or 15 calendar days before the onset of haying or grazing.

2007 Crop Loans

The 2007 crop loan rates for Lyon County are:

Wheat	- \$2.97 / bu.
Corn	- 2.00 / bu.
Milo	- 3.38 / cwt.
Soybeans	- 5.05 / bu.
Oats	- 1.37 / bu.
Sfnlwr	- 8.03 / cwt.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for commodities.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office staff.

LDP Reminders

Loan Deficiency Payments are now requested by filing a CCC-633 EZ form. Producers are required to file the 633 EZ form part 1 before losing beneficial interest in the commodity. The form covers all counties and all eligible commodities. Part 2 of the form is filed by producers when they elect to receive a LDP payment. CCC-633-EZ forms (part 1) were supplied to producers when the 2007 DCP contracts were generated. The form MUST be signed and returned to our office prior to loss of beneficial interest in the commodity.

CP33 Acres Available

Kansas received an additional allocation of 35,000 acres for Habitat Buffers for Northern Bobwhite Quail under the Conservation Reserve Program practice CP33. Kansas currently has over 27,500 habitat buffers enrolled.

The purpose of CP33 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. This practice qualifies for incentive payments.

Eligible land may be enrolled in CP33 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.

Emergency Loans

Emergency Loans (EM) are available if a natural disaster has been declared (disaster declaration) 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 disaster declaration for Lyon county has been determined for severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from May 4th thru May 18th. Applications will be accepted thru January 25, 2008

FSA Guaranteed Loans

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System 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.

Loans for Beginning, Small and Limited Resource Farmers & Ranchers

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit otherwise. A primary objective of FSA's farm loan programs is to assist small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged (minority and female) producers. In fact, a portion of FSA's loan funds are reserved for beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.



Dates to Remember	
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 signup 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.

Selected Interest Rates for June 2007	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.375%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4%
Emergency Loans	3.75%

WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

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