

MIAMI/JOHNSON COUNTY FSA NEWS



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Monday -
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County Committee meets 1st Wednesday at 9:00 am
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County Committee meets 2nd Thursday at 9:00 am
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Myron Stroup, County Executive Director
MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

2007 DCP SIGN-UP

Please remember the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program requires contracts to be signed **EVERY** year to verify payment shares and to select advance payment options. If you have not completed this process, now is the time to schedule an appointment to do so.

At the time of your appointment it will be **VERY** important for you to review the contracts for accuracy and inform our office of any changes to your farm operation for the 2007 crop year. If you receive a payment with the incorrect share or on the wrong farm, refunds will be required. Farm operators will be given copies of the 2007 contracts to be forwarded on to the land owners for completion.

All producers on the farm must sign and return the 2007 DCP contract **BEFORE** it can be approved and advance payments are issued. If you have a valid Power Of Attorney (POA) on file and will be signing on behalf of that person, please find out if and when they would like their 2007 advance payment.

Once again it is very important that you ensure all of your farms are enrolled for 2007 payments. The 2007 DCP sign-up deadline to ensure all signatures are returned is **August 3, 2007**. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a late file fee of \$100.00 per farm. Please contact our office for additional information or to schedule a time to enroll your farms.

ACREAGE REPORTS

Please remember that acreage reporting is required in order for you to be eligible for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program, as well as for loans and LDP's. The final date to report your planted acres of wheat, oats, and barley is **May 31, 2007**. **August 1, 2007** is the final date to certify corn, milo or soybeans and CRP acres. It will be your responsibility to contact our office and set up a time to report your acres. This can be completed at the time you enroll in the 2007 DCP program. You are also reminded that planting dates will need to be provided at the time you report. Please contact our office to schedule an appointment.

2006 LOAN AND LDP REMINDERS

The last day to request a 2006 Loan or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) is **May 31, 2007**, for corn, milo, sunflowers, or soybeans. The date mentioned above, will be the final day to request a loan or timely file a CCC-633 LDP.

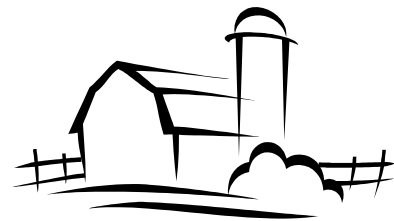
2007 LOAN RATES ANNOUNCED

The 2007 loan rates are as follows for Miami County: Wheat - \$3.02/bu, Corn - \$1.95/bu, Milo - \$3.35/cwt, and Soybeans - \$4.90/bu. The 2007 loan rates are as follows for Johnson County: Wheat - \$3.00/bu, Corn - \$1.96/bu, Milo - \$3.44/cwt, and Soybeans - \$4.94/bu.

FARM CHANGES

Please be sure to report any farm changes to the office timely. Now is the time to report any land you have purchased, sold, rented, given up, etc. Failure to report these changes may result in under or over payments. All changes of tenants and owners are to be reported by August 1, 2007.

The final date to request a 2007 reconstitution is August 1, 2007. We must have a copy of the deed showing the sale of the land to do a reconstitution.



FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Are you running out of places on your farm to store grain? Then you might think about looking into FSA's Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL). Under this program eligible producers can borrow up to 85 percent of their net costs (up to \$100,000) for storage and handling equipment.

Loans must be made for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. The maximum term of the loan is 7 years. Contact the office for the current interest rate.

REMOVING CCC LOAN COLLATERAL

Producers are reminded, if you have grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan it cannot be removed or disposed of without prior county office staff authorization or repayment. The county office staff may issue release authorizations based on a telephone call or request in person when you are ready to move the grain. A loan violation is subject to monetary and administrative penalties, such as repaying the loan at principal plus interest, liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and loan deficiency payments.

All commodity loans are subject to spot check. Locking in a market loan repayment rate is not a marketing authorization. If you are planning to move CCC loan grain, contact the county office staff for additional information.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 28 Office Closed—Memorial Day Holiday
- May 31 Final date to certify small grains
- May 31 Final date to request commodity loan on small grain
- June 15 Nominations for COC election begin
- July 4 Office Closed—Independence Day
- August 1 Final date to submit nominations for COC election
- August 1 Final date to certify spring crops and CRP



DOING BUSINESS WITH USDA AGENCIES ONLINE

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customers to do business with USDA via the internet. If you would like to customize a web portal page with specific information about USDA agencies, or participate in public surveys for USDA agencies, Level 1 Access is suggested. If you want to conduct official business transactions with USDA using the internet, enter into a contract or submit forms electronically to a USDA agency, Level 2 Access is required. You will need a valid email address for either level. Please visit www.eauth.egov.usda.gov for more information on establishing your account.

PAYMENT LIMITS

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation which may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation. Failure to do so can result in ineligibility for payments for all years affected.

The following payments apply to DCP for each contract year through both direct and counter-cyclical payments. For all covered commodities: \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments. The Conservation Reserve Programs (CRP) annual limit is \$50,000 per person. Marketing loan gains and loan deficiency (LDP) have a limit of \$75,000 per person.

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