

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Office Hours: 8:00 – 4:30



**County Executive Director
Chris McAfee**

**Committee Meeting
1st Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m.**

**County Committee
Lawrence Strouts, Chairperson
Leland Zerbe, Vice-Chairperson
Samuel Euler, Member
Irma Disberger, Advisor**

REPORT 2007 PLANTED WHEAT

It is time to report planted small grain acreage. These reports are required annually to maintain eligibility for most FSA programs. Small grains, including wheat, barley, and oats, are required to be reported by **May 31, 2007**. When reporting crop and land uses to the FSA Office, farm producers will need to provide the field areas, the planted acreage, and the planting date of each crop. *Please phone your FSA office for an appointment to certify your planted small grain acreages.*

CRP CONTINUOUS SIGN-UP FOR UPLAND BIRDS HABITAT

A new allocation of acreage has been made available in Kansas for enrollment into the *Upland Birds Habitat*. The purpose of this practice is to provide food & cover for quail and upland birds in cropland areas. Application is around field edges of eligible cropland that is suitably located for the establishment of wildlife habitat. It will include native, warm-season grass, legumes, wildflowers, forbs, and limited shrub & tree plantings. *The allocation of acreage to this practice is limited so those interested should immediately contact their local USDA Service Center to enroll in the Continuous CRP under the Habitat Buffer for Upland Birds (CP-33).*

DCP – DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM

DEADLINE EXTENDED

The 2007 DCP signup began October 1, 2006 and has been extended thru **August 3, 2007**. The sign up period normally ends June 1. All producers (farms) must sign into the DCP program for 2007 to be eligible for benefits. A 22% advance direct payment was available starting December 1, 2006, upon approval of a farm that is signed up.

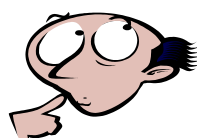
If there are no changes to the farm(s) the signup process is quick. You would need to know what month you want advance payment and whether the shares to the farm have changed. Those units which have added land, are losing land,

have an entity change, or some other change will require the change to be completed prior to signing up and will need new Forms 1026 for Conservation Compliance and 502 for Actively Engaged in farming/Payment Eligibility.

Sign up is by appointment, so please give the office a call when you determine what date fits your schedule.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

The Morris County Farm Service Agency is pleased to welcome Lawrence Strouts. Lawrence was elected to serve on the Morris County Farm Service Agency Committee. Lawrence will represent the farmers and rancher of the Local Administrative Area 3, which encompasses the South West part of the county.



Dates to Remember.....

May 28	Memorial Day - Office closed
May 31	Final date to certify small grain crops
May 31	Final date to obtain Loans or LDP on 2006 crop corn, sorghum and oilseeds
July 4	Independence Day - Office closed
August 1	Final date to certify spring seeded crops/CRP
August 3	Sign-up ends for 2007 DCP program without paying late-fee
September 3	Final date to sign-up DCP program contracts (late fee applies)
Ongoing:	Continuous CRP sign-up
	Farm Storage Facility Loans
	Filing CCC-633ez page 1 for LDP prior to losing beneficial interest in 2007 crops
	Record Changes

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required. For more information on eligibility contact your local county office.

FSA WEB SITES

Web sites available to you include the FSA web site at www.fsa.usda.gov, the USDA web site at www.usda.gov, and the Kansas FSA web site at www.fsa.usda.gov/ks. You can also access FSA, NRCS and RD forms online at www.sc.egov.usda.gov



COMMODITY LOANS

Producers can take advantage of low interest rates by obtaining 9-month commodity loans through the Farm Service Agency. In order to be eligible for these loans, individuals or entities must have complied with annual program requirements, such as the following, throughout the entire crop year:

- **reporting acreage for applicable crops, completing FSA-578
- **completing AD-1026
- **completing CCC-502
- **no delinquencies on any Federal non-tax debt

Commodity loans can be repaid anytime prior to maturity, without penalty. The loan can also be repaid using the Posted County Price (PCP). Taking advantage of a PCP that is lower than the Loan Rate is referred to as a, “market gain”. The following table lists the 2007 loan rates for Morris County.

Commodity	2007 Loan Rate
Wheat – Hard Red Winter \$/bu	\$2.93
Oats \$/bu	\$1.37
Corn \$/bu	\$2.00
Grain Sorghum \$/cwt	\$3.25
Soybean \$/bu	\$4.99

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