

Osage County Ag Wire

Newsletter of the USDA Service Center in Lyndon Kansas:
Farm Service Agency - Natural Resources Conservation Service - Osage Conservation District

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Conservation District Annual Meeting

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Osage County Conservation District will be Monday, February 11, 2008 at the Osage City Elementary School lunchroom. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, compliments of the Osage County banks. Conservation awards and poster, essay and limerick awards will be given. There will be a short business meeting to elect two supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will also give a full report of district activities. In order to know how much food to prepare, reservations are required. Please call 785-828-3458 by February 1 and make your reservation.



Mark Your Calendar

January 15 – Registration deadline for No-till on the Plains Winter Conference

January 21 – Martin Luther King Day – Office closed

January 29 & 30 – No-till on the Plains Winter Conference

January 31 – Last day to apply for 2008 Wool Marketing Assistance Loans and LDPs

February 1 – Registration deadlines for Conservation District Annual Meeting and Women Managing the Farm Conference

February 7-9 – Women Managing the Farm Conference

February 11 – Conservation District Annual Meeting

February 18 – President's Day – Office closed

March 13 – Pond Management Workshop

Waterway Cost Share Available

Cost share to build waterways is available from USDA through the CRP program. The program offers 50% cost share, incentives and annual rental payments. Contact FSA for more details.

No-Till Conference Scholarship

No-till on the Plains Winter Conference is January 29 and 30, 2008 at the Bicentennial Center in Salina Kansas. Registration is \$150.00 before January 15 and \$200.00 after January 15. The Osage County Conservation District will help pay the registration of first time attendees. Interested Osage County landowners should call the Conservation District at 785-828-3458 before January 15. The money available will be divided among the applicants. More information about the conference can be found at www.notill.org or by calling 785-828-3458.

FSA Committee Elections

The ballots were counted on December 5, 2007 for LAA 1 (northeastern part of the county) and Keith Badger was elected for a three year term.

Free Soil Tests

The Osage County Conservation District has set aside money from the Non-Point Source Pollution Control Funds to encourage landowners to test their soil to determine the type and quantity of fertilizer needed to maintain healthy plants while protecting water quality. Fertilizer recommendations are based on the intended crop, yield goal, and previous crop history. The Conservation District provides free use of a soil probe with a refundable security deposit. Soil samples can be brought to the Conservation District office, Extension office or to Stromgren Greenhouse in Osage City. Please call the Service Center for details.

Livestock Compensation Program

Sign-up is underway for the LCP program. Producers who owned livestock on January 1, **2006**, may be eligible for grazing losses during the 2006 grazing period. Application is made in the county where the livestock were located on January 1, 2006. Please call FSA to schedule an appointment.

Wheat Certification

Call the FSA office to schedule an appointment to certify your wheat.

Women Managing the Farm

The Women Managing the Farm (WMF) Conference will be February 7-9, 2008 in Hutchinson, Kansas. Over the 2 ½ days of the conference, presentations regarding business planning, health, managing employees and more will be interspersed with opportunities for networking and learning from others attending the conference. The WMF Conference has been developed for all women involved in an operation from the full-time manager to the absentee landowner needing a bit of insight about managing their investment. Registration is \$75.00 and is due by February 1, 2008. For more information please call 785-828-3458.

Grain Bin Construction & Rehabilitation

USDA can loan on construction or rehabilitation of bins for needed grain storage. The interest rate for January is **3.625%**. Contact FSA for more details.

Crop Disaster Program

Crop insurance has downloaded information to our office for the Crop Disaster Program. We will contact you when your applications are ready.

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The Osage County Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.