

# Osage County Ag Wire



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

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday May 2007

## Quick Reference Guide

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## Don Rogers Retirement



Don Rogers, Soil Conservation Technician for Osage County has announced his retirement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) effective May 31, 2007. There will be an open house for Don at the USDA Service Center in Lyndon Kansas on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00. Don started his career with NRCS in 1992 as a technician for Jackson County. In 1998 he transferred to the Lyndon field office. Don is married to Ruthie and has two sons. Don has many interests to keep him busy in his life after NRCS. When he's not in Kansas enjoying gardening and cooking, he tries to spend his time fly-fishing in Colorado. Please join us on May 31<sup>st</sup> to wish Don the best in his future adventures.



## Mark Your Calendar

- May 31** - Final loan/LDP availability date for 2006 corn, milo, soybeans and sunflowers.
- May 31** - Final day to certify wheat, oats and barley
- Now through August 1** - Spring crop certification - corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers
- May 31** - Don Roger's Retirement open house
- July 27** - Conservation District cost-share deadline
- July 1-August 31** - Pomona WRAPS funding sign up period

## Freeze Damaged Wheat

Once again, Mother Nature threw us a curve ball in early April with unusually cold temperatures after a period of warm weather. As such, wheat acreages may be slightly to severely freeze damaged. Should you decide to destroy your wheat and not carry the acreage to harvest, a CCC-576, "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment..." form must be on file PRIOR to destroying the acreage. If the acreage is destroyed before the form is filed, the acreage will not be considered to have been planted to wheat. Such action could have an impact should a disaster program be implemented or provisions made under the next farm bill.

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**Cost Share Sign Up**

The Osage County Conservation District will be taking applications for cost share assistance from May 1 through July 27, 2007. New projects such as waterways, terraces, well plugging, on-site wastewater lagoons, ponds and many other projects are eligible for funding. Applications are funded based on water quality issues. Eligibility requirements apply to all projects. Funding is provided by the State Conservation Commission through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund. For more information on cost share assistance, please come by the office or call 785-828-3458.

**2007 Crop Loan Rates for Osage County**

<b>Wheat (bu)</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Oats (bu)</b>	<b>\$1.37</b>
<b>Barley (bu)</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>
<b>Sunflowers (cwt)</b>	<b>\$8.03</b>
<b>Corn (bu)</b>	<b>\$1.94</b>
<b>Milo (cwt)</b>	<b>\$3.39</b>
<b>Soybeans (bu)</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>

**Pomona WRAPS BMP Auction Sign Up**

Due to limited funds available for protecting our land and water resources, a Best Management Practice (BMP) Auction will be used to distribute funds for the Pomona WRAPS project. If you live in the Pomona Drainage area (the area between Eskridge and Pomona Lake, and Osage City and Overbrook) and need conservation work done on your property, please stop by the office to pick up a field sign-up auction sheet. Our approach is intended to provide the greatest water quality improvements in the Pomona Lake watershed per dollar spent. Bidding will be open from July 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007. Funding provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment through an EPA Section 319 grant. For more information please come by the office or call 785-828-3458.

**Monthly County Committee Meeting Date Changed**

The Osage County FSA Committee has changed their monthly meeting date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. This will be effective June 2007.

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