

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 September 2007

Quick Reference Guide

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Mark Your Calendar

September 10 – LCP Signup begins

September 24 – ECP Signup begins

October 8 – Office Closed for Columbus Day

October 15 – CDP signup begins



Crop Disaster Signup

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) signup begins October 15 for quantity and quality crop losses on crops planted in 2005, 2006 or before February 28, 2007. Producers will be required to select one of the three years for which they would like to receive benefits for their losses. The disaster program only applies to losses that were covered by crop insurance. Quantity losses must exceed 35%.

Flood Assistance Signup

Signup for Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) will begin September 24 thru October 23. ECP is to assist agricultural producers with flood damage incurred during the May and June flooding. Participants are eligible for up to 75% cost share assistance if they had a minimum of \$1000 worth of cumulative damage and are not located in areas that flood occasionally or frequently. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) must certify that the damaged conservation structures were in proper working condition and good practices such as conservation tillage and contour farming were implemented prior to the flood. Any producers who have started conservation work and think they may qualify should keep receipts and records of their work.

Livestock Disaster Signup

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) signup begins September 10. LCP provides payments for feed losses due to natural disasters between January 1, 2006 and February 28, 2007. Producers may choose one year to receive benefits. Eligible livestock include: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, elk, sheep, goats, swine and deer.

Weed Department Office Hours

June 16 thru April 14 - 12:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
April 15 thru June 15 - 12:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Monday- Friday

CRP Management Practices

Recently many CRP participants have received paper work in the mail regarding management practices that will be performed in the future. All new contracts since CRP signup 29 require participants to choose a management practice that they would perform one time to enhance wildlife benefits on their CRP contract and receive cost share benefits. Many of the practices such as prescribed burning are scheduled several years after the start date of the contract. Participants should be mindful to complete the required activities when they are scheduled to be performed and to certify to FSA by signing the forms AD-245 and AD-862 (that were mailed to you) when the practices are completed so practice payments can be processed. Participants should remember they can burn in addition to the required burn anytime they feel there is a maintenance concern.



Quail Field Border Strips

Osage County producers still have the opportunity to sign up for Quail Field Border Strips around their fields. These strips are designed to give quail habitat next to grain fields where they eat their food.

Eligible land must meet cropping requirements, ownership requirements and be planted to an approved vegetative cover. Producers can add to their bottom line and help wildlife by seeding this grass practice next to rows of trees and fence lines where yields are usually low.

Interested producers should contact the Service Center in Lyndon before the program expires on December 31, 2007.



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