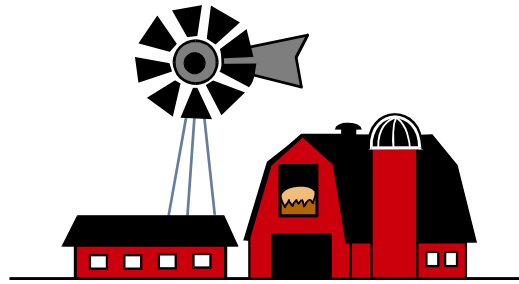


"PLAINS" TALK



PHILLIPS COUNTY
FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS

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From the desk of

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Office Hours - 8:00 to 4:30

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2005 – 2007 Disaster Programs

Sign-up has started and is by appointment, call FSA office at (785) 543-2732 (select option 2 for FSA) to set a time to sign up.

Crop Disaster Program

Covers Crop Years 2005, 2006, and crops planted prior to Feb. 28, 2007

Payment will be for the year that calculates the highest payment

Only producers who had crop insurance coverage for grain crops or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on forage crops are eligible

Quantity losses, due to natural disaster, exceeding 35% of the producers APH or the county average yield, whichever is higher, will be eligible

The payment rate is set at 42% of the established price level

Crop insurance information has been sent to the FSA office for the losses on file for all three years. Producers may want to bring their crop insurance information to compare or if they think they had a loss that does not show up on the data sent to FSA.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Covers grazing losses, due to natural disasters, for Crop Years 2005, 2006, and prior to Feb. 28, 2007.

Phillips County will be dealing primarily with crop year 2006 grazing losses

Eligible livestock are beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and horses used in a commercial operation. If you have other types of livestock, call to see if they are eligible.

You will need to know the number of livestock owned on January 1, 2006 that were intended to be put on pastures for the 2006 grazing season of May 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006.

PROOF OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS NEEDED: previous years calf sales, bank asset ledgers, diaries or personal record keeping items

If you did not report your pasture acreage in 2006 you will need to know the legal description and acres of pasture you had.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Covers livestock deaths due to natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, including deaths due the ice and snow storm that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Eligible livestock are beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and horses used in a commercial operation. If you have other types of livestock, call to see if they are eligible.

PROOF OF LIVESTOCK DEATHS NEEDED: dead wagon receipts, veterinary records, 3rd party verification, diaries or personal record keeping items

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) INFORMATION

Sales closing date for 2008 crop year alfalfa, grass forage, native grass pasture, and Oats forage is November 30, 2007

Report your 2007 production now. Your crop production must be reported to FSA even if you do not file a notice of loss. **Accurate and detailed crop production records are a must. Always keep your records for three years.** FSA will verify your production if a loss claim is filed or will verify it for a fee if no loss is filed.

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