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POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

FSA UPDATE

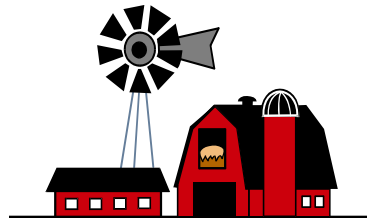
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June 2007

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Second Tuesday each month

OFFICE CLOSURE

The proposed office closure to combine Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties and have a combined office in Wamego became final June 18, 2007. Office space is being sought. When the new space is located and available we will notify you of the change in address.

If the Wamego area is more or less convenient than a neighboring office, let us know and we will discuss a possible transfer of your farm records.

DCP SIGN UP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) sign-up usually ends June 1st. This year the final date has been extended to August 3, 2007 to enroll and have all signatures returned.

We sent post cards to all owners and operators on a farm where neither had been to the office this year. As of the date of this writing, 155 farms have not enrolled. If you miss this August 3, 2007 deadline you may still sign-up by September 30, 2007, however, a late payment fee of \$100 per farm will be assessed.

When you sign the DCP contract, you are agreeing to:

- comply with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions on all your land
- devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use
- effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices
- not plant perennial fruits and vegetables (including nuts) or harvest annual FAVs (other than lentils, mung beans, and dry peas) or wild rice on base acres
- file an acreage report for all cropland on the farm
- notify the county office staff when there is a transfer or change in interest of a producer.

MILCX EXTENDED

The Milk Income Loss Contract (MILCX) Program has been extended one month from September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. All provisions of your existing contract remain the same.

REPORT CROP ACREAGE

The last day to report Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and spring planted crops is August 1st. June 1st was the last day to report wheat, barley, oats and other small grains. If you fail to report by the last reporting date you must pay for a farm visit to verify the crop's existence.

All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the DCP, Marketing Assistance Loans, and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). CRP must be reported by someone on the CRP contract in order to receive annual rental payments.

FSFL

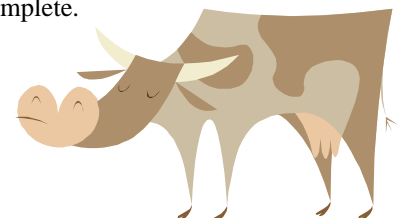
Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Wabaunsee FSA County Office will be consolidated with the Pottawatomie FSA County Office in the near future. Therefore, FSA will postpone the county committee elections in these counties until after the consolidation is completed.

This will allow time for the new local administrative areas to be determined and to notify producers whether the new county committee will have 3 or 5 members.

FSA is withdrawing the opportunity to submit nominations for the county committee election in these counties. Producers will be notified when the new proposed LAA boundaries are available for review and public comment. County committee election and nomination periods will be rescheduled after office consolidations are complete.



DISASTER

There will be a disaster program later this summer or fall. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) who suffered losses in excess of 35% in the year of loss will be eligible. The year of loss is either 2005, 2006, or a 2007 crop planted before February 28, 2007.

NAP

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is an insurance program for crops not covered by multi-peril crop insurance. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county. The coverage is 55% of a set average market price for a loss that exceeds 50% of your crop yield.

The sales closing dates are: September 1 for small grains; December 1 for grasses, alfalfa, and fruit; and March 15 for coarse grains, vegetables, melons, pumpkins, and squash.

CONDUCTING USDA BUSINESS ON-LINE

Producers can obtain an e-Authentication level 2 account and conduct USDA business online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from home. This access requires filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>, followed by a visit to a USDA Service Center for identity verification. You must have an e-mail address. Online FSA business can include e-DCP, e-LDP, Financial Inquiry, Customer Statement, and e-Representative.

DO NOT FORGET

- Let us know if you receive payments by Direct Deposit and your bank account has changed.
- Let us know if you buy or sell any farmland.
- Let us know if you rent more or less farms.
- Report address changes to us.
- Please make appointments for reporting acreages and enrolling into DCP.
- Please visit with us before planting a crop on a newly rented farm or before dozing trees, filling a wet area, etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 4, 2007, Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- August 1, 2007, Last day to timely file spring planted crop reports and CRP acreage reports
- August 3, 2007, Last day to timely enroll into DCP
- September 30, 2007, Last day to complete DCP revisions

SIGNING DOCUMENTS

In a simpler time, when producers visited the office to sign paperwork they simply signed their name. In today's world of "entities" – trusts, limited liability companies, partnerships, corporations – signing a form is not so simple anymore! When the name on the form is an entity, you are usually signing "by" or "for" someone. Examples –

John Doe Trust *by John Doe, Trustee* or John Doe Trust *for John Doe, Trustee by George Smith, POA.*

Make sure if you are signing for an entity that it is signed properly. Also, please tell us if your land ownership has changed from individual to trust.



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