



POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

The sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) began September 10, 2007. LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007.

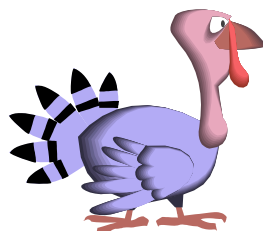
Pottawatomie county producers are eligible due to a drought designation in 2005 and 2006. The following are among the types of livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer. Eligible livestock must be owned **and** physically located on a farm in the administrative county as of January 1, of 2005 or January 1, 2006 to allow the livestock **and** any grazing/feed losses to be eligible for payment. Producers will need to be able to identify pastures on a map, provide a percent grazing loss for each, and if needed provide evidence of ownership, feed records and other supporting documents.

The payment rates will be \$10.66 for adult cows and bulls, \$8.00 for non-adult cattle weighing 500 pounds or more, \$27.72 for dairy cows and bulls and \$8.00 for non-adult dairy cattle weighing 500 pounds or more. Other rates are available by contacting the Pottawatomie County FSA Office. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits.

Producers are encouraged to contact the office to **set up an appointment**. Producers will also need to be prepared to spend some time completing the application process.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Pottawatomie County Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3 will be holding an election for the County Committee position. This covers approximately the south one-third of the county. Nominations will be accepted from October 29 thru December 7, 2007. Ballots will be mailed to eligible producers in LAA #3 by December 10, 2007. **Ballots must be signed on the back of the envelope and returned by January 11, 2008.**



FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings to the FSA office in the county where the land is located. Those buying or selling must report the transaction within 90 days of the date of the transaction.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible grain storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety 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 net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required. For more information on these loans contact the Pottawatomie FSA Office.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

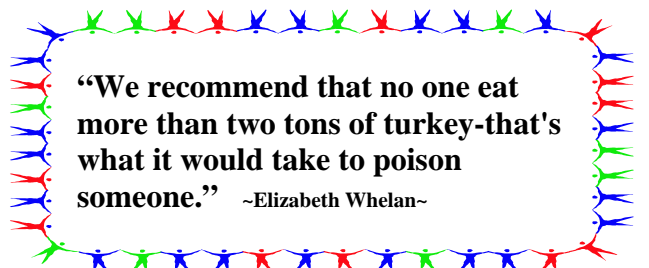
Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

CCC COMMODITY LOANS AND LDPS

The 2007 crop loan rates for Pottawatomie County are:

Wheat . . . \$2.94 bu.	Grain Sorghum . . \$3.31 cwt.
Corn \$1.88 bu.	Soybeans \$4.86 bu.
Oats \$1.34 bu.	Sunflowers \$8.11 cwt.

The last day to request a wheat, barley, or oats loan or LDP is March 31, 2008. Corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans loans and LDPs must be requested by May 31, 2008.



“We recommend that no one eat more than two tons of turkey-that's what it would take to poison someone.” ~Elizabeth Whelan~

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN UP

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. **CDP signup** began on **October 15, 2007**.

Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may apply for loss benefits on multiple commodities and crop years, however you must choose the most beneficial year for payment.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. For more information on this and other programs simply contact the nearest USDA Farm Service Agency office.

FARM RECORDS CHANGES

Changes to your farming operation can affect your eligibility for program benefits. It is crucial that operation changes be reported to the FSA office as soon as possible to avoid eligibility problems. Reports of purchased or sold property should be accompanied by a copy of the land deed. Other changes that need reporting include increases in cropland, changes of shares, changes of operator or tenant, changes to your bank account, etc.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

The 2005-2007 LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. **Drought is not an eligible disaster event under LIP.** Eligible owners must have owned the livestock on the day they died in an eligible county as a direct result of the disaster event. The livestock must have died no later than 60 days from the disaster event ending date, but before February 28, 2007.

Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, catfish, chickens, crawfish, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers includes poultry and swine.

Documentation must be provided with the FSA-900 application to prove kind, type, weight and number of livestock that died, and evidence that supports date, location and cause of death. Supporting documentation can include purchase records, vet records, bank or other loan papers, rendering truck receipts, FEMA records, National Guard records, written contracts, production records, IRS records, property tax records, private insurance documents, and similar documents. Third party certifications will be accepted in certain conditions.

If you had a loss in a feed yard in western Kansas due to the winter storms, please contact our office for further information at 785-457-3661.



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