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**SEDGWICK COUNTY FSA  
FARMLINE**

November 2007

**Crop Disaster Program  
(CDP) for 2005,06 & 07**

**Eligibility**

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may be paid for only one year of benefits. For 2007, crops must have been planted, or prevented from being planted, before February 28, 2007. You may apply for losses on multiple crops, and multiple years, but only one crop year will be paid.

Eligible crops must have sustained a loss in excess of 35% of the expected production to qualify.

Eligible producers are those who obtained crop insurance, or coverage under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP), for the year of loss. Crop insurance includes multi-peril, revenue, group and catastrophic (CAT) policies. *Policies for only hail insurance, do not meet this requirement.* Participants must also have been in compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the applicable year.

**Sign-up Period**

Sign-up began October 15, 2007 for QUANTITY losses only and an ending date has not been established. A sign-up for QUALITY losses under CDP will be announced at a later date.

**How to Apply**

Applications will be mailed to producers who had insured losses paid for the 2005, 2006 and 2007 crop years, and where the information was provided to us by the crop insurance company by Tax ID and unit.

**Yields**

FSA will utilize the higher of either the county average yield, or the insured APH (or NAP) for calculating CDP benefits.

**Insurance Records**

We receive downloads/reports from RMA (i.e. the insurance company) on the 2005, 2006 and 2007 crop production years for producers who obtained insurance on insurable crops in Sedgwick County. This download/report will normally provide the information needed to complete the CDP application. For those situations when the information is not provided on the RMA download/report, participants will be responsible for:

- ✓ Providing production records (i.e. delivery or settlement sheets),
- ✓ Summarizing production evidence and
- ✓ Compiling an entire units' information into a report/format that can be easily understood.

**Determining Production**

FSA includes all harvested, non-harvested, appraised and assigned production, for the total planted acreage of the crop unit to determine production under CDP.

If a crop is appraised, and then subsequently harvested as the intended use, FSA will take into account the actual harvested production to determine benefits. FSA will then determine whether the evidence of actual production represents all that could have, or would have, been harvested.

**Payment Rate**

Payments will be 42% of the maximum established RMA price for insured crops, or 42% of the state average price for NAP covered crops.

**Payment Calculation**

A units' total assistance<sup>1</sup> may not exceed 95% of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of a loss. If this occurs, the disaster payment will be reduced by the amount over the 95% value.

*Please note: CDP applications are being processed and mailed, but unfortunately we will not be able to issue payments until the Federal regulations are established and approved. Furthermore, payments cannot be deferred until 2008 and will be approved upon being received by the county office.*

<sup>1</sup>(Total assistance = Disaster Payment + Net Insurance Indemnity Payment + Value of the harvested production)



**Final 2007  
Direct  
Payments**

In early October, final Direct Payments for 2007 were processed and mailed. If a 22% advance payment was requested during sign-up, the remaining 78% has now been paid. Because of higher crop prices during the marketing year for 2006 crops, USDA has determined that no Counter-Cyclical Payments will be made for 2006 wheat, oats, barley, corn, milo and soybeans.

**Record Changes**

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, please be sure to report those changes to the FSA office ASAP. Failure to maintain accurate records with the FSA office, on all land you have an interest in, can lead to possible program ineligibility and/or fines.

## Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Livestock producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may be paid for only one year of benefits if they can document a loss of stored feed, or an increase in feed cost directly associated from the natural disaster that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation, and must have been physically located within the disaster county.

Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, equine, goats, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used in the farming operation and are not used for recreational purposes.

LCP benefits will be assessed from a livestock value that will be compared to a feed loss value. Documented evidence must be provided with the application to prove the feed loss, or any additional feed costs that occurred as a direct result from the eligible disaster event, as well as pasture locations, stocking rates, and supplemental feeding costs.

## COC Election



The election for a County Office Committee (COC) member this year will be for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 comprised of Lincoln, Kechi, Payne, Wichita, Minneha, Waco, Riverside, Gypsum, Salem and Rockford. Eligible voters must be of legal voting age, and have an interest in farmland as an owner, operator, tenant, sharecropper, or be eligible to participate in agency programs.

Ballots listing the candidates will be mailed on Nov 2 to all eligible voters. Only eligible farmers and ranchers within the LAA which has the vacant seat will vote in this year's election.

In order to be counted, ballots must be completed, signed and returned to the Sedgwick County FSA office by Dec. 3, 2007. Unsigned ballots, those received or postmarked after Dec. 3, 2007, and those incorrectly completed will be discarded.

## Restitutions and Combinations

All farm restitutions and combinations must be accepted by the FSA office no later than June 1, in order to be effective for the 2008 fiscal year.

## Soil Survey Update



Gary Parks and Ryan Still, soil scientists with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), began in early October, surveying portions of Kingman, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick and Sumner counties to update certain soil map units/types. The initial phase of the survey will have a minimal impact on the land, or crops, as the soil scientists will only be walking into the fields. Later on, when the wheat is dormant and fall crops are harvested, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with a hand probe, and/or trucks mounted with a mechanical probe, will be used to further confirm the different soil map units/types.

If you would like to have more information, or have concerns about the soil survey update, please feel free to contact Gary Parks or Ryan Still at 620-663-3501.

## CP 33 Acres Available!

Kansas has an allocation of acres remaining for Habitat Buffers for Northern Bobwhite Quail under the Conservation Reserve Program practice CP33.

The purpose of CP33 is to provide food and cover for bobwhite quail in cropland acres. Cropland must be suitably located and adaptable to the establishment of bobwhite quail. Buffer species may include native warm-season grass, legumes, wildflowers, forbs, and limited shrub plantings, as specified in the participant's approved conservation plan. This practice qualifies for incentive payments.

Eligible land may be enrolled in CP33 anytime under the continuous CRP. However, signup for the practice will end December 31, 2007 or when the acres are all enrolled, whichever comes first.

## THE KANSAS WEATHER

As we all can attest, the Kansas weather is nothing to ignore. With consideration to the past cold weather season, when the weather conditions become publicly hazardous, the local service center management team has, at their discretion, the authority to close the USDA facility. The safety of our employees is a top priority. If the weather becomes publicly questionable, please feel free to phone the office before you make your drive to town.