

**SHAWNEE  
COUNTY FSA  
NEWS**



**JUNE & JULY 2007**

**Lance H. Thompson, CED**

**Office Hours**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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**County Committee**

Arthur N Warner  
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Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
@ 9:00 a.m.

**Office Staff**

Linda Wohlgemuth  
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**DCP Enrollment Deadline Extended to August 3, 2007**

The sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007. The extension is due to issues involving the performance of the Farm Service Agency's web-based computer system. The late-filed fee of \$100.00 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007. The last day to sign up for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program is September 28, 2007.

**Acreage Reporting Deadline Approaches**

Acreage reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, will prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

**The final date to report CRP, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and silage/hay crops is August 1. This also includes any double cropped acreage that you need to report. Any crop report taken after August 1 will be considered late filed and will be charged a late filed rate of \$46.00 per farm.** Please call the Shawnee County FSA office to make your appointment to certify all acreages on your farm(s) by the deadline.

**Commodity Loan Rates**

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$3.04/bu
Corn	\$2.00/bu
Soybeans	\$5.06/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.48/cwt
Oats	\$1.34/bu

**CRP and DCP Maintenance Reminders- Important!**

Last year our office completed a number of compliance reviews on CRP acreage. Common items found during the reviews were the presence of invasive trees and undesirable weeds, like Sericea Lespedeza, different types of thistles and Johnson grass. Participants are paid an annual maintenance fee that is included with their annual rental payment to maintain the contract cover. Failure to maintain CRP acres can cause penalties and /or possible contract termination.

All producers who are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) are reminded that acreages under contract (total of base acreage on the farm) must be maintained for the 2007 crop year. Random spot checks will be completed to determine whether producers are controlling (1) wind and water erosion; and (2) noxious weeds.

If you have any questions about controlling noxious weeds like Sericea Lespedeza, please contact the Director of the Shawnee County Weed Department, John Kabus at (785) 232-0120.

Visit our website at:

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Jun 15** Nomination begins for COC Election
- July 4** Independence Day Office Closed
- Aug 1** Final Date to Certify corn, milo, soybeans
- Aug 1** Final date to request reconstitution for 07
- Aug 1** Nominations end for 2007 COC Elections
- Aug 3** Early enrollment deadline for DCP
- Sep 3** Labor Day – Closed
- Sep 29** DCP Sign Up Ends

**Ongoing: Continuous CRP Sign-Up, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Rural Youth Loans**

**Shawnee County COC Election**

FSA is accepting nominations until August 1<sup>st</sup> for candidates who are eligible to serve on the local committee. Almost anyone participating or cooperating in an FSA program, who is of legal voting age and lives in the county's local administrative area, that the election is being held are eligible to be nominated. **This year's election covers the following townships: Auburn, Monmouth and Williamsport.**

**Disaster Designation amended to include additional Kansas Counties – Emergency Loans Available**

FSA is making emergency loans available to help qualified producers to recover from production and physical losses due to the tornados, strong storms and flooding from May 4 through May 18, 2007. Eligible loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year. Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current rate for these low interest loans is 3.75 percent. Producers must meet eligibility requirements and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Contact the Farm Loan Team in Ottawa, KS for Shawnee County at (785) 242-3260.

**Reminders when visiting Shawnee County FSA**

- **Be sure to call the office to make an appointment for service. We honor all producers, but we will serve appointments first.**
- Special accommodations can be made for producers with a handicap, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, by contacting Lance Thompson, CED, at (785) 266-9053.
- **Producers are reminded to sign a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, for LDP's, prior to losing beneficial interest in any 2007 commodities before harvest. Be sure to sign a Page 1 when you are in the office to sign up for DCP or report your grain acreage. Owners and operators must sign separate forms.**

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