

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2007

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

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Meet 2nd Thursday of the month
@ 9:00 a.m.

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2007 DCP Enrollment Ends Soon!

Producers still can late enroll into the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program, but you will be assessed a late-filed fee penalty. 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.

2007 Late-Filed Acreage Reporting

The final date to report CRP, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and silage/hay crops was 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.

Act of 2007 (Disaster Bill – Update)

On May 25, 2007, President Bush signed into law the “US Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007” (2007 Act). The 2007 Act provides approximately \$3 billion in agricultural disaster aid for America’s farmers and ranchers. Specifically, the 2007 Act provided funds for a Crop Disaster Program (CDP), Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), and Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP). The 2007 Act also extends the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program through September 2007.

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006, and for 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented plantings that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

USDA will announce and conduct sign-up for CDP as soon as the program becomes available.

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

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Mark Your Calendar

- Sep 1** NAP Application closing date for aquaculture, barley, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, rye, spelts, triticale, turf grass, sod and wheat
- Sep 3** Labor Day – Closed
- Sep 28** DCP Sign Up Ends
- October** Final Payments made under DCP and CRP will be paid
- Oct 8** Columbus Day
Office Closed

Ongoing: Continuous CRP Sign-Up, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Rural Youth Loans, Beginning Farmer & Socially Disadvantaged Farm Loans

2007 National Compliance and Spot Check Review

FSA is committed to delivering accurate program payments to America's agricultural producers. The accuracy of payments not only benefits farmers and ranchers, but also maximizes taxpayer dollars and government efficiency.

As part of the 2007 National Compliance Review, FSA's national office is requiring local FSA county offices to conduct compliance reviews and spot checks of certain producers selected by the national office through a statistical sampling method. A statistical sample of FSA employees, County Committee (COC) and State Committee (STC) members have also been selected for review using the same process.

FSA may review a producer's operations in multiple states and counties, depending on the scope of the producer's operations. FSA will review both the accuracy of the representations made by the selected producers in connection with participation in FSA programs as well as the producer's compliance with applicable program requirements. The reviews may need to be conducted at various times throughout the year depending on the FSA programs in which the producer is participating. FSA appreciates the cooperation of its customers as the agency continues to enhance its operations.

FSA's goal is to ensure that program dollars are delivered effectively and efficiently so America's farmers and ranchers can provide safe and abundant food, fiber and fuel for consumers at home and abroad.

Reminders when visiting Shawnee County FSA

- Special accommodations can be made for producers with a handicap, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, by contacting Lance Thompson, CED, at (785) 266-9053.
- Foreign Investors must report holdings of agricultural land in the U.S. within 90 days from purchase date to avoid assessment of penalties. Foreign investors in Sumner County should contact the county office to complete the appropriate filings.

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