

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2007

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### 2005/2006/2007 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. **The Shawnee County FSA office is now taking appointments to sign up producers for this crop disaster program.**

Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Participants may apply for loss benefits on multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

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% to be eligible for CDP.

Currently there is no ending date announced for this program.

### Livestock Disaster Programs

The new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) signup opened September 10. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive LCP compensation for feed losses or LIP for livestock losses occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Both programs have a separate \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

**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 recreation purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers included 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.

**LCP –** The 2005-2007 LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and physically located in the disaster county. Livestock owners must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the disaster event. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, deer, elk, equine, goats, reindeer, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Documentation must be provided with the FSA-901 application to prove the feed loss or any additional feed costs occurring as a direct result of an eligible disaster event. No ending date has been established for these programs. **The Shawnee County FSA office is now taking appointments to sign up producers for this livestock disaster program.**

### 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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### NAP Coverage

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available. This coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster caused a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop. The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per producer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county producers. Interested producers must pay the fee and file form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, by the application closing deadline. The application deadline date for the 2008 NAP coverage is.

- **December 1** for all Grasses including Alfalfa, Apricots, Asparagus, Blueberries, Caneberries (Blackberries and Raspberries), Cherries, Clover, Grapes, Lespedeza, Honey, Mixed Forage, Nectarines, Oats, Peaches, Plums, Strawberries, and Vetch.
- **January 1** for Apples and Pears
- **March 15** for coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts

### Mark Your Calendar

- Nov 2 Ballots mailed to eligible voters for COC election
- Nov 12 Veterans Day Observed – Office Closed
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed
- Dec 3 Ballots for COC election due back into office
- Dec 25 Christmas Day Office Closed
- Jan. 1, 2008 – 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



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and so much bad in the best of us,  
That it hardly behooves any of us  
To talk about the rest of us.*

-Edward Wallis Hoch-

*If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts.*

-Albert Einstein-

*Procrastination is the art of keeping up with  
yesterday.*

-Don Marquis-