

## APRIL & MAY 2007

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### Farm Loan Programs

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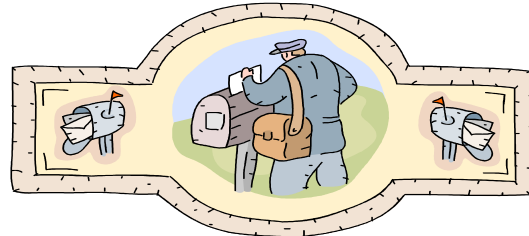
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### 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Sign-Up

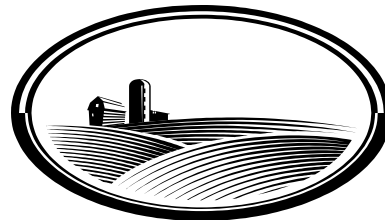
Currently, we are continuing to sign up producers for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program. Recently, we received notice that the current enrollment date of June 1, 2007 has been extended to August 3, 2007 on all CCC-509 contracts. The reason for the extension is from recent USDA computer and network problems experienced from the months of December and January. What this means is, any contract enrolled from **June 1, 2007 to August 3, 2007** will not receive the **\$100.00** late enrollment fee from previous sign ups. But, any contract enrolled after August 4, 2007 till September 29, 2007, will be charged an automatic \$100.00 to enroll for the 2007 contract year.

**Please call the office to set up an appointment time to sign up and certify your farms as soon as possible!**



### Current CED is heading to Northeast Kansas

I want to thank the staff and producers of Sumner County for being your CED for the last 10 months. I have recently taken a new position as the County Executive Director for Shawnee County FSA in Topeka. This new position will allow me to be closer to my fiancé and my family located in Missouri. I appreciate all of the support that you have given to me in my tenure at Sumner County. While in the process of selecting my replacement, Sedgwick County's CED, Sean Rafferty will be the Acting CED in Sumner County. Sean is very experienced as a CED and I know that you will be pleased with the work that comes from Sean. Thank you again for all of the support that was given to me in this position.



### Farm Storage Facility Loans

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible 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.

**Please Report all Record Changes to our office!**



**Commodity Loan Rates**

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$2.83/bu
Corn	\$2.13/bu
Soybeans	\$4.95/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.47/cwt

**Wetland Awareness**

By Tracy E. Karcher, District Conservationist, NRCS

Past farm bills have brought wetland issues to the forefront. In Sumner County wetland issues are a subject that needs to be addressed so landowners and operators are aware of the repercussions of manipulating areas determined to be wetlands.

According to a farm program eligibility rules, any manipulation of areas determined to be wetlands for the purpose of producing commodity crops will result in forfeiture of government payments. These payments will be lost until the area what was altered is restored to the original wetland characteristics. The act of performing the manipulation triggers what is referred to as "swampbusting". At that point, you may be considered to be out of compliance and government payments will be withheld.

What steps would you take to insure that you do not trigger the "swampbuster" provision of the Farm Bill? If you plan to alter a wet area it is advisable that you request a determination prior to beginning any work. Altering can be any draining, dredging, or filling activity that changes the scope of the area. This can involve anything from filling in or draining a low area, manipulating a drainage area, or pushing out trees in a low area or draw. There is no minimum size limitation to what constitutes a wetland. Just because the area is small does not mean it will not meet wetland criteria or be exempt from the wetland provision of the farm bill.

To request a wetland determination fill out form AD-1026 at the Farm Services Agency, Indicate that you are planning to alter a potential wet area. You will also fill out form CPA-038, which is a request for an onsite wetland determination. This will allow the NRCS office to begin the determination process.

If you are interested in having a wetland determination completed on your land make you're your request as far in advance as possible. The determination request needs to be scheduled, so by planning ahead you will know what can be done when you are ready to perform the work. By having the wetland determination completed, you will eliminate the risk of forfeiting your government payments. If you have questions concerning wetlands or would like to discuss work you want to complete on your land, contact your local NRCS office.

**Mark Your Calendar**

- May 28** Memorial Day – Closed
- May 31** Final Date to Certify Wheat and other Small Grain Crops
- July 4** Independence Day Office Closed
- Aug 1** Final Date to Certify Corn, Milo, Cotton, Soybeans and Sunflowers
- Aug 3** Enrollment Deadline For DCP signup
- Sep 3** Labor Day - Closed
- Sep 29** DCP Sign Up Ends

**From Aug 4 to Sep 29, DCP signup is \$100.00 for late enrollment**

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