



## SUMNER COUNTY FSA

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### Office Closed

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day  
January 1 - New Year's Day  
January 21 - President's Day

### County Committee:

Douglas Hisken, Chairperson  
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Marcia Waugh, Regular Member

*Meetings - 2nd Thursday of every Month*

### Staff:

Andi Bacon, PT  
Dianne Church, Farm Loan PT  
Debbie Haines, PT  
Connie Jeffries, PT  
Susan Rinehart, PT  
Gwendolyn Slack, CPT  
Amy Theurer, Farm Loan Officer  
Penny Troutman, Temp. PT  
Glenda Wright, Farm Loan PT

### Loan Manager:

Limual Vinson

### County Executive

#### Director:

Marilyn Glissman

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# SUMNER COUNTY FSA NEWS

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## CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGNUP

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. CDP began October 15, 2007.

Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 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 percent to be eligible for CDP.

We are currently processing applications and mailing the applicable paperwork out for signatures.

## AGRICULTURE CENSUS INFORMATION ONLINE

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service has launched a web site to provide producers with news and information on the upcoming census. The site is located at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>.

According to NASS, the Census site is part of their ongoing effort to accommodate the growing number of farmers and ranchers that are using the Internet. This year will mark the first time that producers have the option of filling out their Census forms online, saving both time and postage costs.

The Census of Agriculture is taken every five years, gathering information about every farm and ranch in the nation and the people who operate them. A variety of topics are covered and the Census provides comprehensive agricultural data for every county. Forms will be mailed to producers in late December that will include directions for responding online. Census forms are due by Feb. 4, 2008.

## WEBSITES

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

Kansas FSA - [www.fsa.usda.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks)

USDA - [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)

Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov)

## LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

**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.

**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.

## CONDUCT YOUR USDA BUSINESS ON-LINE



If you have access to the Internet and have an e-mail account you can obtain an e-Authentication Level 2 Account and conduct some of your USDA business on-line. Access [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov), and then click on "Online Services" at the top of the page. Instructions are provided on how to obtain a Level 2 eAuth account. Once the account is set up, you can access eLDP, eDCP, Customer Statement, Financial Inquiry, and eForms. Obtain more information and a brochure at our office.

### Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. Please call our office and we will make any arrangements that are necessary.

## FSA Signature Policy

Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- A married woman shall sign her given name: Mrs. Mary Doe, not Mrs. John Doe
- For a minor, FSA requires the minor's signature and one from an eligible parent  
Note, by signing the applicable document, the parent is liable for actions of the minor and may be liable for refunds, liquidated damages, etc
- When signing on one's behalf the signature must agree with the name typed or printed on the form, or be a variation that does not cause the name and signature to be in disagreement.
- FAXED signatures will be accepted for certain forms and documents. Producers are responsible for the successful transmission and receipt of FAXED information.
- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities
- All members of a general partnership must sign for the general partnership unless an individual is authorized to act on the behalf of the general partnership and bind all members
- Acceptable signatures for general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, estates, and trusts shall consist of an indicator "by" or "for" the individual's name, individual's name and capacity, or individual's name, capacity, and name of entity
- Signature authority becomes null and void upon the death of the grantor.

For additional clarification on proper signatures contact your local FSA office.

## Farm Loan Programs

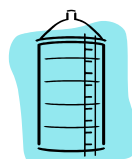
Farm Loan Programs has loans available for eligible beginning and current producers. Farm ownership loans may be used to purchase a family size farm or ranch.

Operating loans may be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, annual operating expenses or to refinance operating debt. The maximum loan limits for each program are \$200,000.

FSA also has Guaranteed Loans available and may be made by your local lending institutions. Typically FSA guarantees 90 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails.

Youth Loans are available for eligible 4-H and FFA members to establish and operate an income producing project.

Please contact Limual Vinson or Amy Theurer for additional information.



## Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSA offers seven-year, low-interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage,
- Perforated floors, safety equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage facility,
- Remodeling existing storage facilities.

Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000.

The maximum loan amount will be 85 percent of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment, not to exceed \$100,000 per borrower. A minimum down payment to the supplier or contractor is required to bridge the gap between the net cost of the storage facility and the loan amount. Fixed interest rates on farm storage facility loans are equivalent to the rate of interest charged on U.S. Treasury Securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. There is a \$45 application fee.

### *NEW EMPLOYEES AT FSA*

We welcome the following new employees to the Sumner County FSA Office:

Marilyn Glissman is the new County Executive Director. She has 25 years of FSA experience working in eastern Kansas as District Specialist and in the Nemaha County FSA Office. She moved to Wellington in August with her husband Keith and daughter Jamie. She also has a son, Derek, who is attending college in Arizona.

Amy Theurer is the new Farm Loan Officer. She previously worked in Sumner, Sherman, and Saline Counties. Amy, her husband Luke, and sons Colby and Ethan live north of South Haven.

Penny Troutman is a new temporary Program Technician for Farm Programs. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in May 2007.

*Happy Holidays!*