

Wilson/Woodson County Newsletter

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Wilson County Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8 am
Woodson County Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 pm

Wilson County Office

The Wilson County Office has temporarily moved to the Woodson County FSA Office, 704 S. Fry, Yates Center, KS. The Wilson County office was flooded with 2' of water. With 2' of water, came destruction of some of your files. Please be patient with us during our recovery mode. Files will have to be rebuilt with your help. Please understand some information we had in your files will have to be requested again from you. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we strive to get back on our feet to help you.

Foreign Landowners Must Report Holdings

Foreign investors buying or selling land must report such transaction within 90 days of the date of sale. Foreign Investors, who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in agricultural lands in the US are required under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act to report their holdings and transactions to the US Secretary of Agriculture. The act requires reports to be filed by: a) individuals who are not US Citizens of the northern Marian Islands or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; b) Individuals who are not lawfully admitted to the US for permanent residence or who are not paroled in the US under the Immigration and Nationality Act. C) Any organization created under the laws of a foreign government or which has located its principal place of business outside of the US, d) any US organization in which a significant interest or substantial control is directly or indirectly held by foreign individuals, organization, or governments; and e) any foreign governments.

2007 Crop Acreage Reporting

A late filing fee of \$46.00 per farm will be assessed to late file.

August 1, 2007 is the final date to report acreages for feed grains, soybeans, sunflowers, CRP and grass acres. The 2002 farm bill **requires all cropland on a farm be reported as a condition for receiving payments** under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Conservation Reserve Program, as well as loan deficiency payments and marketing assistance loans. If you do not report your spring planted crops to the county office, you will need to file a late acreage report to be eligible for program benefits.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Reminders

Participants in the CRP program are reminded of their responsibilities to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of their contracts. Some compliance issues to keep in mind are:

- CRP acres may not be harvested for seed. Haying and grazing are only allowed when used as a management practice in an approved conservation plan of operation. Approval is needed prior to haying or grazing.
- Noxious weeds and trees must be controlled on all CRP acres.
- Field roadways, storing bales or parking equipment on CRP acres is prohibited.
- **Cropland acreage adjustments due to oil/gas wells, pipelines, right of ways, must be reported to the county office**

Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP)

Continuous CRP signup is available at any time. Producers can offer small acreages for CRP and receive rental payments and incentive payments for practices such as filter strips, grassed terraces, shallow water areas, waterways, and Habitat buffers for Upland Birds. To be eligible for CCRP, the land must have been cropped at least 4 years from 1996 to 2001. For more information contact the FSA office.

DCP Enrollment Extended

The June 2, 2007 deadline to enroll in the 2007 DCP has been extended to August 3, 2007. Computer problems have caused application processing delays which prompted the enrollment deadline extension. **A late-file fee of \$100 per farm will be assessed to the producer for CCC-509's filed after August 3, 2007 and before September 30, 2007.**

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost financing may be provided for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The term of the farm storage facility loan will be seven years with annual installments. The loan amount will be 85% of the cost with a 15% down payment required. There is a \$45 non-refundable application fee. The interest rate for July is 5%. A loan cannot be approved if delivery, site preparation, foundation, or bin construction is started prior to approval.

Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility.

It is also the producer's responsibility to notify FSA of any changes in their farming operation or entity status throughout the year. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to a change in contract shares of a contract which may reflect change of land lease from cash rent to share rent or from share rent to cash rent.

Conduct USDA Business On-line

The internet allows access to USDA information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can fill out and submit electronic forms (e-forms) anytime of the day or night. The information submitted by you is safe and secure. In addition, USDA has launched a new Web tool to help customers track their participation and application status for conservation programs, program payments, farm loan information, and more.

Access to e-forms and Customer Statement is available to all USDA customers that have a Level 2 account. To setup your account you must have access to the internet and have an email account. Review the information at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. You can setup your profile at home for your account. After you have received an email confirmation, you must visit the USDA service center to have your identity proofed by showing your drivers license or passport. A USDA employee will then update your account so you have access to USDA online application and forms within one hour of your account being updated.

To view a demo customer statement, visit www.usda.gov and click on the customer statement button at the bottom of the page.

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

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