



Coffey County Farm Service Agency

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ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



Would you like to receive our newsletter and reminders electronically? The Coffey County Service Center is now providing newsletters and reminder notifications via e-mail. If you would like to be added to our e-mail notification list, e-mail marilyn.glissman@ks.usda.gov or stop by the office and provide us with your e-mail address and we will include you in our electronic notifications. Your e-mail will not be shared with any other parties.

ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE

Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are to be certified by the May 31 for small grains and August 1 on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of May 31 for small grains and August 1 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

DCP SIGNUP & ADVANCE PAYMENTS

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue through June 1, 2011. Advance payments of 22% on the 2011 DCP program are available and the remaining 78% of the payment will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. DCP contract signatures for enrollment are due by the signup deadline of June 1, 2011.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office directly or by phone.

PARTICIPATION LOANS

The Farm Service Agency provides financing for producers/ranchers who lack the down payment required by commercial lenders for the purchase of real estate. A lender provides 50% or more of the purchase price or appraised value, whichever is less, and FSA finances the balance at 5% fixed for up to 40 years, if needed. The lender will have 1st lien priority giving them the equity needed to make the loan without a down payment. Maximum dollar amount that can be financed by FSA is \$300,000.

THE LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. A list of normal mortality rates for Kansas can be obtained at our office.

Applicants must provide adequate documentation to prove that the eligible livestock deaths occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event prior to October 1, 2011. LIP payments are calculated by multiplying the national payment rate for each livestock category by the number of eligible livestock in each category. A Notice of Loss must be filed within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent.

PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS OF HISPANIC AND WOMEN FARMERS

USDA announced a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans. The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov or calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Noxious weeds left untreated in Coffey County cost farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Generally producers can expect three dollars return for every dollar spent.

CRP MAINTENANCE CHECKS

Noxious weeds such as Sericea Lespedeza, Musk Thistle, Field Bindweed and Johnson Grass that are left untreated may become a violation of Conservation Reserve Program Contracts. The Coffey County FSA Office will be conducting inspections of CRP acreage this summer to assist with identifying these noxious weeds and reviewing contracts to ensure unauthorized uses are not being conducted on CRP acreage. It is the responsibility of the CRP participants to ensure CRP acreage is maintained according to their Conservation Plan of Operation and the provisions of their Contract.

The Coffey County Noxious Weed Department is available to assist landowners. Chemicals may be purchased from the Noxious Weed Department to treat noxious weeds on land physically located in Coffey County on a cost-share basis. They also have spraying equipment available to rent. They may be contacted at 620-364-8409.

More information and photos of noxious weeds may be obtained at http://www.ksda.gov/plant_protection/. If you have any questions or concerns about the maintenance of your CRP acreage, please contact our office.

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

USDA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.

The agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-927 (Individual) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entity) to the Internal Revenue Service to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.



HELP OUR SERVICE GROW!

The Coffey County FSA Office would like your help. Let us know how we are doing and suggest ways that we can improve. Your feed back is very important and will help us grow into a true Farm SERVICE Agency! Next time you are in our office, please take the time to complete a Customer Service Survey. You may also provide your comments and feedback via e-mail to marilyn.glissman@ks.usda.gov.

Types of feedback to consider:

- Was service prompt?
- Was service timely?
- Was service professional?
- Were all your concerns addressed?
- Was the quality of service Excellent, Good, or Poor?

Please take the time to let us know if we are meeting or have met your customer service needs. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.



CHANGE IN FARMING OPERATION

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Making the record changes now will save you time in the spring. Producers are reminded to contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate.

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Coloring Pages



Games Fun Facts

Dates to Remember

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| May 31 | Small Grain Acreage Report Deadline |
| May 31 | Final loan availability date for corn, sorghum soybeans, cotton |
| June 1 | Final signup date for 2011 DCP/ACRE |
| August 1 | Final Acreage Report Deadline |
| Ongoing | Farm Storage Facility Loans |
| Ongoing | Continuous CRP |