



# DONIPHAN COUNTY KANSAS

September 2010

## EQIP

The Environmental Quality Incentives (EQIP) program offers contracts, which provide financial assistance to implement conservation practices to treat resource concerns on a farm. Owners of land in agricultural production and people who are engaged in livestock production or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP program. Contracts can be from two to ten years in length depending on the amount of conservation work you wish to complete. Cost share will be available again for anyone wanting to put up a high tunnel and transition to organic farming. EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis with a cutoff date set for each ranking period. The application cutoff date for fiscal year 2011 applications will be November 15, 2010. If you have land with resource problems you want to treat, contact your local NRCS for more information.



## CONSERVATION

Now is the time to enroll in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP). The rental rates have increased (\$140/ acre average) and there's a wide variety of programs to consider. One of the most flexible practices is SAFE, which allows owners to enroll poorly producing areas within a cropped field, maximizing the return for the landowner. Buffer and filter strips are also very popular practices in Doniphan County. All three of these practices provide both a financial and an environmental benefit to the land owner. CCRP is designed to reduce erosion, increase wildlife habitats and prevent the contamination of water sources. Landowners are compensated for removing portions of their land from crop production in order to reduce the damage to the land and wildlife. For more information, contact your FSA office.

## 2008 SURE

### Sign-up Coming to an End

Sign-up for the 2008 SURE revenue based disaster program will end September 30<sup>th</sup>. Producers must request an application from the FSA office prior to the end of sign-up in order to be eligible for the program. To be eligible for a payment, producers must have had a 10% loss on their overall farming operation in at least one commodity. If you think you may be eligible, please contact your local FSA and ask for more information on the program.

## Farm Stored Facility Loans

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office maintaining the farm's records. A FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain, Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain, Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas, Hay, Renewable biomass, and Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities.

For the month of September, the interest rates are as follows:

- 7-year: 2.25%
- 10-year: 2.875%
- 12-year: 3.125%

## Commodity



## Loans

The local FSA office provides commodity loans on grain stored after harvest. Producers can certify the bushels stored in their bins, request a measurement service, or provide a warehouse receipt to obtain a loan on their stored grain. 2010 Loan Rates are: \$1.87/bushel on corn and \$5.00/bushel on soybeans, and other crops as requested. The interest rate for the month of September is 1.25%.

## YOU VOTED

And, the results are in. Congratulations to the new Doniphan County Committee member, Nathan Geiger, who was elected as interim, local administrative area two representative. Geiger will serve the remainder of the late Jack Master's term, which expires in December 2010. Nominations for the new term have already closed. Ballots will be distributed in November. Candidates for LAA two are: Nathan Geiger and George Jorgensen Jr. Remember to voice your opinion and VOTE in the election in November.

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The Doniphan County FSA, in conjunction with NRCS, K-State Research and Extension and the Conservation District, hosted the first annual Women in Ag meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 100 women attended the meeting, which featured speaker Marylyn Bell, who recounted how she managed her farm after her husband died unexpectedly. Attendees also participated in a question and answer session and an agricultural version of "The Price is Right." Based on survey results, the participants enjoyed the evening and would like to make the meeting an annual affair.

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## TIP..

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is a new program under the 2008 Farm Bill to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their land to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

If all program requirements are met, TIP provides annual rental payments to the retiring farmer for up to two additional years after the date of the expiration of the CRP contract, provided the transition is not to a family member. To learn more about program, producers interested in applying and participating in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the launch of a Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources. CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies. Direct CLs can be obtained through local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,112,000 are available from lenders working with FSA. For more information on the Conservation Loan program, contact a local FSA office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## New Arrivals



The Doniphan County FSA is proud to announce our two newest members. On March 11, Derek and Jennifer Luedke, PT, added a baby girl, Kyler, to their family. Their son, Colton (3), is excited to be a Big Brother. CED, Sarah Falk, and husband, Josh, were also blessed with a new baby. On July 29<sup>th</sup>, their son Breckan was born. Their daughter, Kayte (2), enjoys spending time with her new baby brother.

## DATES.....



**2008 SURE sign-up**  
Ends September 30<sup>th</sup>

**EQIP sign-up**  
Ends

**Office Closings:**

October 11<sup>th</sup> Columbus  
November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans  
November 25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving  
December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas  
December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years

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