



Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday Spring/Summer 2011

Quick Reference Guide

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DCP & ACRE Sign-Up Deadline Nears

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) & the Average Crop Revenue Program (ACRE) ends on **June 1, 2011**. June 1 is also the final date to return all signatures for producers with a share greater than zero. Operators are encouraged to verify if their landlords have turned in all applicable signature sheets by the deadline. ****Important-** all DCP CCC-509 contracts & FSA-578 acreage reports need to be returned to the FSA Office in Lyndon. Do not confuse this with the CCC-927 or the CCC-928 IRS forms which need to be mailed to the California address on the top of the form. Call the FSA Office if you have questions.



Mark Your Calendar

- May 30th:** Service Center closed to observe Memorial Day.
- May 31st:** Deadline to report wheat and Oats acreage.
- May 31st:** Final day for commodity loans on 2010 crops.
- June 1-** DCP Sign-up Deadline
- August 1st:** Deadline to report spring planted crop acreage.
- County Committee Meeting:** Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 AM in the Service Center.

Acreage Reporting

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. It is also important that you report the same acres planted to both FSA and your crop insurance agent.

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.

Small Grains must be reported by May 31. This includes Hard Red Winter Wheat, Soft Red Winter Wheat & Oats.

Spring Planted Crops must be reported by August 1st. The FSA office is now taking appointments to certify your spring planted crops- be sure to call and schedule an appointment as soon as you are done planting your corn and soybeans.

Grass and CRP must be reported by August 1st.

NAP Crops must be reported 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.

Local FSA County Committee Election Results

Charles Kaff of Carbondale was elected to serve as a County Committee Member for Osage County LAA#1 which covers the north east part of Osage County. County Committees are elected by USDA program participants to help deliver USDA programs in their local communities. The Osage County Committee is composed of three members from Local Administrative Areas (LAA) with each member serving three years. One third of those seats are open for election each year.



Service Center Employee Updates



Moving On - Idonna Corwine retired April 1, 2011 from FSA. She had worked for ASCS/FSA for 32 ½ years. We would like to thank Idonna for her hard work and dedication in serving the farmers and ranchers of

Osage County.



New FSA Program Technician
Kacey Johnston was recently hired to fill the vacancy left by the recent retirement of Idonna Corwine. She has worked for 8 years at the Rooks County FSA office in Stockton. Kacey

will be moving here with her husband and daughters. She starts June 6th and is looking forward to serving the farmers and ranchers of Osage County.

Participation Loans

Participation Loans are available for producers who lack the down payment required by commercial lenders when purchasing farm real estate. The lender will finance 50% or more of the purchase price or appraised value, whichever is less, and FSA will finance the other half. FSA has a fixed interest rate of 5% on these loans for up to 40 years if needed. The lender gets first mortgage, therefore, no down payment is required. For more details call the Franklin County Farm Loan office at 785-242-3260.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The LIP program is available for Osage County livestock producers who lost livestock due to an adverse weather event (adverse is extreme or not normal for the area). Death due to non-adverse weather does not qualify as an eligible loss. If you have a loss you must file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss becomes apparent. Verifiable or contemporaneous documentation demonstrating the existence of the animal and the weather event must accompany each application.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSA offers low interest loans for construction or rehabilitation of grain and hay storage facilities. The Current interest rate is 2.875%. If you are thinking about building/remodeling a bin or hayshed call the FSA office for more details.

Cost Share for Waterways & Grass Seeding Available

Cost share to build waterways, seed down cropland and construct shallow water areas for wildlife is available from USDA through the CRP program. These practices are ideal in corners, areas that are rocky, hard to farm or where low productivity and erosion is a concern. USDA will cost share 50% of the estimated project cost. Additionally USDA will pay a \$100/acre signing incentive payment plus a practice completion payment equal to 40% of the cost share payment. Producers will also receive an annual rental payment for the term of the CRP contract (usually 10 or 15 years). Visit with service center staff for more details.

Commodity Loan Update

The final loan availability date is May 31, 2011 for all producers wanting a commodity loan on 2010 corn, milo, wheat and soybeans (2010 loan rates apply).

For producers intending to take out a commodity loan for 2011 corn, milo, wheat and soybeans the new 2011 Loan Rates will apply. The 2011 Loan Rates are:

Hard Red Winter Wheat	\$3.16/bu
Soft Red Winter Wheat	\$2.17/bu
Corn	\$1.96/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.38/cwt
Soybeans	\$4.97/bu
Ungraded Wool	\$0.40/lb
Mohair	\$4.20/lb

CRP Maintenance Reminder

Sericea Lespedeza: CRP acres are required to be kept free of Sericea Lespedeza and other noxious weeds. All CRP participants should scout their CRP for Sericea Lespedeza on an annual basis. Treatment is optimal in the bloom state which is usually late August or early September. Treatment must take place before Sericea Lespedeza goes to seed.

If you have questions about what Sericea Lespedeza is you should consult the Osage County Weed Department at 785-828-3280 or Osage County Extension Service at 785-828-4438 to take advantage of technical advice and chemical discounts.

Brush and Trees: All CRP acres are required to be kept free of any trees or brush unless required by the CRP Conservation Plan. Trees become out of tolerance when they reach a height that exceeds the height of the grass.