

SHAWNEE COUNTY FSA NEWS

Topeka, Kansas



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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Meet 2nd Thursday of the month
@ 9:00 a.m.

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APPOINTMENTS PLEASE

Your time is valuable! Appointments should increase staff efficiency and save you time. Most of the staff resources will be devoted to serving producers with scheduled appointments. As a result, the number of staff devoted to walk-in customers will be limited and you may be asked to schedule an appointment to avoid lengthy waits. Please call (785) 266-9053 to schedule an appointment.



2010 DCP SIGN UP

Sign up for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program continues from **October 1, 2009 to June 1, 2010**. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. Farms with bases of 10.0 acres or less are not eligible for DCP or ACRE unless at least 50% of farm is owned by producers who meet the FSA definition of a socially disadvantaged applicant (SDA) or a limited resource producer.

NONINSURED COVERAGE (NAP)

For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, eligible producers must apply and pay the applicable service fees by the application closing date. NAP Service Fees are \$250.00 per crop; \$750 per county; \$1,875 per producer for all counties.

September 1 – aquaculture, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, speltz, turf grass sod, and all small grain crops, except oats and barley for grain. For 2010, Continuous Crop Wheat planted with the intention of harvesting as grain is not eligible for NAP.

December 1 – all grasses, alfalfa, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, cranberries, cherries, clover, grapes, lespedeza, honey mixed forage, nectarines, oats, peaches, plums, strawberries, and vetch.

January 1 – apples and pears

March 15 – coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash and walnuts.



Commodity Loan Rates

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$2.74/bu
Corn	\$2.00/bu
Soybeans	\$5.07/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.52/cwt
Oats	\$1.37/bu

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Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 26 – Office closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec. 1 – NAP closing date for certain crops (see page 1)

Dec. 10 – Final date to apply for 2008 losses and some 2009 losses under the livestock disaster programs.

Dec. 25 – Office closed for Christmas Day Holiday

Jan. 1 – Office closed for New Year's Day Holiday

Jan. 1 – NAP closing date for certain crops (see page 1)

Jan. 18 – Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Jan. 30 – Final date to file notice of loss and application for payment for livestock losses after July 14, 2009. Final date to file an application for payment for 2008 or 2009 eligible grazing loss

For more information on Farm Loan Programs: contact Stacy Kull, Farm Loan Manager in Ottawa, KS at (785) 242-3260

CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING CROPS

2010 will bring several changes to the crop certification procedure. The certification process for 2010 will no longer use the automated mapping system. Instead FSA will revert back to the process used prior to 2004. Through this process the County Office will use hard-copy maps with the established whole field acreages for reporting purposes. With the use of this system, the County Office will no longer have the ability to split fields from the whole field to obtain partial field acreages as was done in the recent past. Any acreage for split fields, areas of prevented planting or any acreage removed from production will be the requirement of the producer to obtain. This requirement also extends to any non-cropland grassland acreage that requires certification for SURE eligibility purposes. Summarily, if the acreage is not a designated and/or established field, the producer certifying to the acreage will be required to report the acreage total along with the additional information required. If a producer is uncertain of the acreage in a specified area a measurement service can also be requested by the producer. At that time, a fee for the measurement service will be required.

CLEARING LAND OR ALTERING WETLANDS

If you are planning on any land clearing, drainage, filling, existing ditch clean out, leveling or dredging, remember that you need to come into the office and fill out form AD-1026 **BEFORE** you do the work. Then NRCS will determine if the action you want to carry out can be done without jeopardizing eligibility for our programs and other USDA programs. Also, if you have highly erodible fields on any of the land you own or operate, you must be actively applying an approved conservation plan or maintaining a fully applied conservation system in order to remain eligible for our programs.

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS FROM SHAWNEE COUNTY

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