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COMMITTEE MEETS
2ND WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 9:00 AM

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Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, the vision impaired or the hearing impaired. If accommodations are required, please contact Micheale Dewey, CED (785) 675-3591.

IRS Disclosure Form

Producers have until June 15 to provide the CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for entities to IRS to remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments. FSA will not receive any income tax information from IRS. IRS will only confirm a producer's AGI compliance.

Ensure that the form is completed correctly and that the name entered on the form is how you file your taxes. Example: If you farm under a Trust, but file your taxes under your individual name, then you should record your individual name on the form (not the Trust). If all fields are not completed correctly, IRS will reject the form. Do not send the form to FSA; it must be mailed directly to the IRS address at the top of the form. Failure to submit a form to the IRS may result in refund of 2009 and 2010 payments. You may obtain a copy of the form at the FSA county office or on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov, then click on Forms.

2010 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue through June 1, 2010. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract.

USDA 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. For 2010, eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. For more information on this or other programs, simply contact the nearest FSA office.

Acres Reporting

Acres reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acres report for all crops and land uses, including failed acres and prevented planting acres, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acres 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.

Acres reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acres reports are to be certified by the May 31 deadline on small grains and an August 1 deadline on all other crops.

Acres 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 acres being reported.

Expiring CRP

CRP land that has expired or will be expiring remains eligible for future CRP enrollment in general signups and continuous signups as long as it is offered within 6 months of the expiration date.

Secretary Vilsack announced a general CRP signup will be conducted by FSA this summer with a specific signup date being announced later.

Signup for Continuous CRP practices is available on an ongoing basis. Landowners or operators may enroll in a wide variety of practices such as buffers, filter strips, etc. These practices will meet the flexibility to meet your wildlife and conservation needs. Practice and signing incentive payments are available on a number of these practices.

CRP Early Land Preparation

Over 1.6 million acres of CRP are scheduled to expire in Kansas in the next three years. CRP participants are currently considering their options for CRP acres expiring September 30, 2010. With significant acres eligible for conversion back to crop production, CRP participants must contact their local FSA office to discuss their options. Be aware that there are certain CRP practices that are ineligible for early land preparation.



CRP Maintenance

CRP participants are reminded of their responsibility to perform annual CRP maintenance as specified in their Conservation Plan of Operations. A major problem in this state is the invasion of undesirable plants including trees that adversely impact the permanent grassland cover. FSA will be conducting annual inspections of CRP to determine contract violations.

Property Valuation on Expiring CRP

When CRP acreage expires, producers should notify their county appraiser of the parcel number, acres, and legal description so the property valuation assessment can be changed to the appropriate property tax rate.

SURE

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is not required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of an individual loss of at least 50% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop producer or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

A SURE calculator is available at: www.fsa.usda.gov, then click on Disaster Assistance Programs, then SURE. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and background are also available online. We are currently taking applications for 2008 losses.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

We have available low interest loans for additional Farm Storage for your farm. We can loan up to \$500,000 for a 85% loan. We have 3 interest rates depending on the size of your loan. 7, 10, & 12 are the 3 loan repayment options. You can have as many \$500,000 loans as you can cash flow.

Report your 2010 Farm Operation Changes

And, as always, report the following as soon as possible: 1) Owner, Operator and/or address

changes, 2) Creation of, or changes to, entities, trusts, etc., 3) Changes to your bank account information on file in our office for direct deposit purposes.

Direct & Guaranteed Loans

FSA is agriculture's lender of first and continuing opportunity. We make farm operating and farm ownership loans directly to borrowers. We also guarantee loans made by commercial lenders. We specialize in loans to beginning farmers with less than 10 years in farming, social disadvantaged (women & minorities), rural youth, and to long established farmers and ranchers in need of continuing FSA assistance. Contact our Farm Loan office in Hill City 785-421-2115 for more information.

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