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Wichita County FSA News

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(Committee typically meets at 9:00
a.m. on the 1st Tues. of the Month)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 1 –NAP application-closing date
for all grasses-including alfalfa,
mixed forage, and oats.

-Begin making an appointment to
sign up for the 2010 Farm Program
(DCP or ACRE).

December 7- Last day to return
ballots for COC elections.

December 10- Final date to apply for
the Livestock Disaster Programs.
Supporting documentation is
required.

Office Closed for the Holidays on

-December 25
-January 1 & 18
-February 15

DCP & ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup for the 2010 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) & Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) will start in Wichita County on December 1, 2009. In order to serve our producers, we are requiring you make an appointment ahead of time. During this appointment, the DCP/ACRE contracts, Average Gross Income (CCC-926), and Wheat Certifications will be signed. Sign up will end June 1, 2010 and FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2009. 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.

PLEASE CALL 620-375-2332 to MAKE, CHANGE, or CANCEL an APPOINTMENT.

Livestock Disaster Program

FSA's Livestock Forage Program (LFP) provides financial assistance to producers who suffered grazing losses due to drought on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, during the calendar year in which the loss occurs.

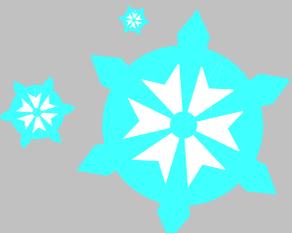
Wichita County livestock producers may be eligible for a one-month payment, due to drought losses suffered in 2008. According to the US Drought Monitor, Wichita County was in a D2 level of drought for 13 consecutive weeks. The deadline to file an application and submit all supporting documentation is December 10, 2009. Other counties with drought designations include; ***Finney, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Logan, Meade, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, and Wallace.***

To be eligible the producer on a farm must provide pastureland or grazing land for covered livestock, including cash-leased land that is physically located in a county affected by drought during the normal grazing period for the county. The land must have a NAP policy or insurance. In addition, the producer must have owned, leased, or purchased the livestock during the 60 days prior to the beginning date of the disaster. Ineligible livestock include; feedlot, hunting, pets, rodeo stock, pleasure riding, rate-of-gain production, consumption by owner, beef or dairy under 500 pounds on the beginning date of the disaster, and wild free roaming livestock. You will be required to provide records or other supporting documentation with your application. Please contact our office for more information.

The US Drought Monitor will update drought maps by county on a weekly basis. These maps can be found on FSA's internet Web site at:
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=lfp>

Selling Land

If you are planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences. For example, if you are planning to sell land that is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer does not want to continue the CRP contract, you may be required to refund all of the payments received to date. Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.





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Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans are commodity loans available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest.

Producers do not have to participate in DCP/ACRE to be eligible for commodity loans. Commodity Loans can be repaid at any time. For instance, some producers pay back their loans early because grain prices have risen and they want to sell the grain. Loans mature on the last day of the 9th month following the month the loan is disbursed. For example, a loan disbursed in December 2009 will mature on Sept 30, 2010. Loans disbursed by FSA are typically not high dollar amounts; however, other financial institutions find it hard to compete with

the low interest rates we offer.

Commodity	Loan Rate	November Interest Rate
Corn	\$2.06/bushel	1.375%
Grain Sorghum	\$3.37/pound	1.375%

Unauthorized Disposition of Loaned Grain

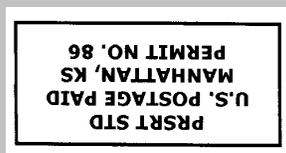
Unauthorized disposition means the grain under loan has been disposed of through feeding, selling, or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff. Always call the office before any grain under loan is moved, fed, or sold.

The ACRE Option

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For 2010, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years. An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments on may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent. The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year. The June 1, 2010, deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Failure to Control Weeds

Producers enrolled in DCP & ACRE agree to control wind erosion, water erosion, and *weeds*, including noxious weeds, when they sign the CCC-509 (DCP/ACRE Contracts). The County Office Committee (COC) would like to remind producers that those who refuse to control their weeds, on base contract acres, could be charged a default rate of \$21.00 per acre.



CLAY COUNTY FSA NEWS

