



WABAUNSEE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



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LIVESTOCK DEATH PROGRAM

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides compensation to livestock producers for death loss in adverse weather. Adverse weather includes extreme heat, extreme cold, blizzard, winter storm, flood, earthquake, hail, hurricane lightning, tornado, tropical storm, typhoon and wildfire. Payments are issued for losses in excess of normal mortality for the livestock type, and weight range. Payment rates are equal to 75% of the fair market of the livestock by weight range, as determined by FSA. To be eligible, you must be associated with a farming operation, and own the livestock at the time of death.

What paperwork do I need?

The notice of loss must be submitted the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock was apparent from the adverse weather event. The notice can be done in person or by phone. Document the death of the animal when it occurred and what caused the death loss. The program is administered on a calendar year basis, so for 2010 you must document these losses through December 31, 2010. All notices of loss for 2010 must be filed, and applications for payment made, by January 30th, 2011.

Documenting loss

There are 3 types of documentation.

The first is considered verifiable, the most common of which is veterinary records, rendering truck records, insurance claim documents, or commercial feedlot records. The information supplied must include livestock type, weight, date of death, and cause of death.

The second verification is considered reliable. This includes dated pictures, and any other contemporaneous record that exists. With this type of record, you are also required to provide a beginning inventory record, and an ending inventory record.

The third type of evidence is third party verification. This can only be used if a producer has no evidence that falls into one of the first two verification categories. Third party verification is an FSA form (FSA-926). It must be completed in its entirety by one or more individuals that are not related to, or employed by you. This record also requires submission of a verifiable inventory record for the date of the adverse weather event.

To learn more about this program, contact the Wabaunsee County office at 785-765-3329.

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to the Farm Service Agency within 90 days. An interest of 10 acres or less does not require a report unless annual sales proceeds exceed \$1,000.

Failure to disclose this interest can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land's market value.

DCP / ACRE Sign up

This is the time to enroll you farm into the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program for 2010. These contracts must be signed annually. Advance payments of 22% of the total direct payment for each farm can be requested at signup. Final payments are issued in October. If you are interested in signing up contact the FSA office and let us know if you have any changes to your operation for 2010. Changes include share, added farms, deleted farms, purchases or sale of land, changes to you cropland, etc. Contact the office for appointment.

Reporting Wheat, Oats and Triticale Acreage

June 1st is the deadline for reporting small grains, such as wheat, oats, triticale, etc. that will be harvested in 2010. You will need planting dates, your share, and intended use of the crop. If reported after June 1st, a late file fee of \$46 per farm will be collected. Acreage reporting is a requirement for participation in DCP, ACRE, CRP, commodity loan programs, disaster programs and for eligibility for loan deficiency payments, if applicable.

CRP General Signup this Summer

Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, made the announcement last week, March 1, 2010, that anticipated General CRP signup to be held this summer. Kansas landowners with expiring CRP will have the opportunity to offer this land for re-enrollment into the CRP program including offers on new land.

CCC COMMODITY LOANS AND LDPS

The 2009 crop loan rates for Wabaunsee County are:

Wheat	\$2.64	Grain Sorghum	\$3.33 cwt.
Corn	\$1.97	Soybeans	\$4.93
Oats	\$1.37	Barley	\$1.75



AGI and IRS

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have developed an electronic information exchange process strictly for the purpose of Average Gross Income (AGI) verification. This will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs. This process will compare average amount of income to the AGI limitations. FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant appears to meet the income limits. No actual tax data will be included in this exchange process.

Written consent by completing Form CCC-927 or CCC-928 and mailing to the IRS will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. This form was included in the Kansas State Office Newsletter and is also available in the FSA Office.

CHANGE OF LAND OWNERSHIP

Any changes that could affect the farming operation, such as land ownership changes, operator changes, establishing estates/trusts or other changes, need to be reported now so changes can be made prior to enrolling the farm in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP). For farm ownership changes, you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility if you are participating.

COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

Shirley Stuewe was re-elected to the county committee. Shirley will serve 3 years in the LAA #2, which covers the western half of the county.

County Committees are elected by USDA program participants to help deliver USDA programs in their local communities.

CRP ACREAGE

Prohibited use of CRP acreage includes: asphalt/concrete plant, trash disposal area, parking, or storage of machinery; autos, livestock feed storage; permanent roads/trails, trees not in the conservation plan, mowing of strips for hunting, buildings, or houses.

Noxious weeds are to be controlled on CRP acreage. Fall chemical control is an excellent source of weed repression.

Failure to maintain your CRP acreage can cause penalties to be assessed or possible contract termination.

Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders. If producers or their spouses believe they would qualify as socially disadvantaged, they should contact their local FSA office for details. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.



Calendar Dates

May 31: Last day to report wheat and small grains
June 1st: Last day for DCP/ACRE signup

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