



FSA NEWS



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County Committee normally meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.

County Committee Members: Joetta Miller-Chairperson, Kim Boone-Vice-Chairperson, John T Borst -Member, William J Cannon-Member, Marshall Stauffer-Member

2010 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. Producers can use the eDCP automated website to sign-up, or they can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22% of the direct payment.

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. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. If participating in ACRE, a farm will not receive counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced 20%, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced 30%. The decision to enroll in ACRE is irrevocable and once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year. The deadline for enrolling in ACRE is also June 1, 2010 and FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.

REPORT 2010 PREVENTED PLANTED WHEAT

Wheat producers need to report 2010 prevented planted wheat acres to the FSA office in Eureka. The prevented planted wheat acres that could not be planted by the wheat crop planting deadline of November 15, 2009 should be reported to FSA within 15 days of the final planting date or November 30, 2009. A Notice of Loss CCC-576 Part B of the prevented planted acreage is also required. Producers must provide documentation to establish that all cropland feasible to plant but prevented from being planted was affected by a natural disaster rather than a management decision and preliminary efforts to plant the crop are evident such as disking the cropland, orders for purchases, delivery of seed and fertilizer, or financing documents. These reported acres could be important in the calculation of 2010 SURE benefits and the eligible acreage for consideration which includes prevented planted acres. Timely reported prevented planting acreage provide acreage credit for history and program purposes. Producers are reminded that they must file an accurate crop and acreage report on all cropland on the entire farm to remain eligible for many FSA programs.



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK (ELAP)

ELAP provides compensation to eligible producers of livestock, honey bees and farm-raised fish for losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other loss conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires that are not covered by LIP, LFP or SURE. Eligible losses include feed losses, physical losses and additional costs incurred in providing feed to eligible livestock. Producers who suffered losses in calendar 2008 must provide a notice of loss and application for payment no later than December 10, 2009. Producers who suffered 2009 eligible losses from January 1 through September 13, 2009 shall provide a notice of loss no later than December 10, 2009. Producers who suffer 2009 losses

after September 13, 2009 shall file a notice of loss within 30 days of when the loss is apparent but no later than January 30, 2010. Producers must obtain FCIC or NAP coverage on all crops planted on the entire farm to be eligible for ELAP.

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VOTE FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE IN FSA ELECTIONS

Ballots for year's county committee election have been mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2 and 4 in Greenwood and Elk County. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by close of business on December 7, 2009. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 7, 2009.

CHANGING BANKS - MAILING ADDRESSES

Almost all FSA payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds to bank accounts. It has been calculated that having a problem with a payment is 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit. Another benefit is that Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours. To keep the system running smoothly, it is critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in financial institutions. **If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office immediately so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service. Also, if you have changed your mailing address, contact the county office immediately so our records can be kept current for future mailings.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 26 ----- Thanksgiving Day Holiday (All USDA Offices will be Closed)**
- November 30 ----- Final date to file a 2010 Wheat Prevented Planting Notice of Loss**
- December 1 ----- NAP application closing date for 2010 Grasses, Alfalfa and Other Crops**
- December 7 ----- Final date to return COC Election ballots**
- December 10 ----- Apply for certain losses under the livestock disaster programs**
- December 25 ----- Christmas Day Holiday (All USDA Offices will be Closed)**



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