



# Kingman County FSA News



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### Kingman County FSA

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### Service Center Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### Farm Loan Programs:

By appointment for Kingman County visits: (620) 326-2269

### County Committee

Paul Meng, Chairperson  
Mike Demmer, Vice-Chairperson  
Bernard Albers, Member  
Donna Werner, Advisor

**COC meets the 1st Wed. of the month @ 8:00 a.m.**

### Employee Information

Gregory Weaver, CED  
Dianne Taber, Program Technician  
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Kenneth Depenbusch, Field Assistant



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### LOAN RATES

COMMODITY	2009
Wheat	\$2.66/bu
Corn	\$2.08/bu
Soybeans	\$4.96/bu
Oats	\$1.37/bu
Gr. Sorghum	\$3.37/cwt
Sunflowers	\$9.52/cwt
Barley	\$1.80/bu

### RECORD CHANGES

Owner/Operator changes such as: **newly purchased land, land sales, deceased individuals, or are renting different land**, make sure to report the changes to the FSA Office within 30 days from the occurrence. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

### In the Spotlight

**August 14 –** Deadline to report corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers, CRP, NAP and any other land uses.

Final date to signup for the 2009 DCP and ACRE programs. Late-filing cannot be approved.

**Sept 7 –** Closed for Labor Day

**Sept 30 –** Deadline to provide 2009 Eligibility paperwork.

### 2009 dates FSA offices will be closed:

**October 12 –** Columbus Day

**November 11 –** Veterans Day

**November 18 –** Burn School @ Kingman Activity Center

**November 26 –** Thanksgiving Day

**December 25 –** Christmas Day

### NEW LIVESTOCK LOSS PROGRAM

The **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have incurred **livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality as a result of adverse weather**. Eligible disaster conditions may include blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, Hurricanes, and wildfires. Federal Regulations for LIP were published on July 2, 2009. Signup for LIP started July 13, 2009.

Producers will need to provide documentation detailing the proof of death to indicate that the livestock deaths are a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. It will also be necessary for producers to provide documents detailing the quantity and kind, type and weight range of livestock that died as a result of the adverse weather event. Documentation may include, but is not limited to the following: bank or other loan documents, FEMA records, tax records, National Guard records, private insurance documents, production records, property tax records, purchase records, rendering truck receipts, veterinarian records, and written contracts.

In the event verifiable documentation is not available, producers will be required to present reliable records documenting the proof of death along with verifiable beginning and ending livestock inventory.

The final dates to file a notice of loss for 2008 or 2009 losses are: September 13 for 2008 losses; September 13 for 2009 losses through July 12; and 30 days following the death loss for the balance of 2009. Application for payment for 2009 losses can be filed after the notice of loss, but must be filed by January 30, 2010. Contact our office for details.

### CRP MAINTENANCE

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) agreed when signing their 10-15 year contract to maintain these acres according to the program guidelines. That means attaining a stand of grass, controlling noxious weeds, controlling brush and trees, and taking any other actions needed to adequately maintain the CRP cover.

Needed controlled burning should have been completed during April. Chemical applications for sericea lespedeza control with Remedy or Pasturegard (or similar product) should have been accomplished during June as well as use of these chemicals for tree and sprout control. Johnsongrass control with Plateau or Outrider (or similar product) should be accomplished before the plants go to seed. Sericea control can also be achieved with Escort application when the plants are blooming (generally during September). For information or recommendations concerning CRP maintenance, contact our office or your local K-State Research and Extension Office.

### FSA Payments

Government payments from any agency are subject to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA). DCIA requires that all Federal payments be offset for all delinquent Federal debt. As of August 3, 2009 all payments issued by FSA will be routed through the Treasury so that any delinquent debt may be offset. This additional step will result in direct deposit payments taking an additional day before it is deposited in your account. The description on your bank statement will now read "FSA TREAS 310".

FSA offices will not have any information about any offsets for delinquent debt. Producers with questions should contact the Treasury Offset Program Call Center at 1-800-304-3107.

## DIRECT DEPOSIT

Payments made electronically using Direct Deposit has cut down on the number of missing or late payments. It has been calculated that having a problem with a payment is 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit.

Beginning in 2009, the U.S. Treasury will issue funds and this is called check centralization. The benefit of Direct Deposit is payment will be deposited within 2-3 days. If you do not have Direct Deposit a check will be delayed 7-10 days.

Any changes to your account or financial institution will have an affect on the deposit of your FSA payments. Please contact our office so we may guide you through the process of updating your records.

## Foreign Investors

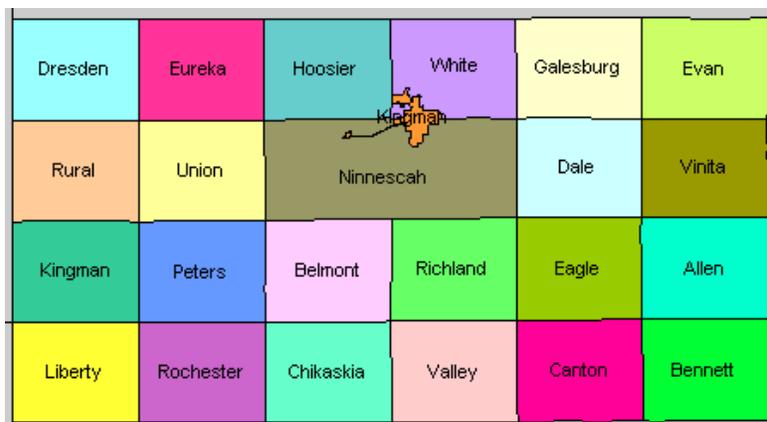
Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings to the FSA office in the county where the land is located. Those buying or selling must report the transaction within 90 days of the date of the transaction.

## Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are "constituted" to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. If an owner or operator can not agree about program participation, like in the case of the new ACRE program, then producers should inquire about a reconstitution of the farm at the local FSA office. The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by August 1 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

## County Committee Election

Nominations have been completed for a position on the three member Kingman County FSA Committee. The area hosting the election this year is Local Administrative Area 3 which includes the **townships of Galesburg, Evan, Dale, Vinita, Eagle, Allen, Canton and Bennett**. All currently active farm/ranch owners or operators are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be mailed out in early November, and must be returned to the applicable county office by December 7, 2009.



## Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL)

Seven-year fixed interest loans are available through the FSFL program for the purchase and installation of eligible commodity storage structures, handling equipment, drying equipment, and safety equipment (new or remodeled). The loan principal can be up to 85% of the net cost, not to exceed \$100,000 for each "person" borrower. Real estate liens are required for amounts that exceed \$50,000. Crop insurance, for the term of the loan, is required on crops of "economic significance". Producers must pay a loan service fee and "qualify" for this program BEFORE any site preparation begins or equipment is delivered. The producer must allow an environmental assessment survey, demonstrate a need for storage, and show adequate repayment ability. Contact the FSA office for more information.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

**Check** the condition of your farm stored grain on a regular basis.

**Control** trees and noxious weeds, especially on CRP.

**If you are delinquent** on any non-tax debt to the federal government, you are ineligible for Loans, LDP's, Guaranteed & Direct FLP Loans, and Farm Storage Facility Loans.

**Producers** planning to move CCC loan grain should contact our office for additional information prior to moving the grain.



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