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McPherson County News



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COUNTY COMMITTEE

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County Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday each month at 8:30 a.m.

STAFF

Michael Westerman, CED
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2007 LOAN RATES

CROP	LOAN RATE
Wheat	\$2.99/bu
Corn	\$1.99/bu
Soybeans	\$4.92/bu
Oats	\$1.37/bu
Sorghum	\$3.38/cwt
Sunflowers	\$8.25/cwt
Barley	\$1.85/bu

COC ELECTION

Ballots will be mailed to voters in LAA-1 (Marquette, Union, South Sharps Creek, Harper, Castle, Jackson, McPherson, and Hayes townships) in early November. Ballots must be returned to FSA or postmarked no later than December 3rd.

Voting by PROXY is prohibited. Remember to sign the ballot as unsigned ballots are not tabulated in the election as these are invalid ballots.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)



HOW TO APPLY

We are now accepting appointments for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Applications are accepted by identification number so please advise us of **EACH PERSON** you will be applying for during your appointment.

SIGN-UP PERIOD

Sign-up began October 15th for QUANTITY losses only. An ending date has not yet been established. A sign-up will be announced later for QUALITY losses under CDP.

YEAR OF LOSS

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. For 2007, crops must have been planted or prevented from being planted before February 28, 2007. You may apply for losses on multiple crops but they must be in the same crop year.

LOSS THRESHOLD

Eligible crops must have sustained a loss in excess of 35% of the expected production of a crop to qualify for a quantity loss.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS

Eligible producers are those who obtained crop insurance or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss. Crop insurance includes multi-peril, revenue, group and catastrophic (CAT) policies. Policies for hail insurance only do not meet this requirement.

Participants must also have been in compliance with Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation provisions for the applicable year.

PAYMENT LIMITATION

The maximum CDP benefits a person may receive is \$80,000. The most restrictive "person" determination covering 2005, 2006 or 2007 will be used.

YIELDS

The higher of either the county average yield, or the APH yield for insured crops or NAP yield will be used for the CDP application. Applications are completed by unit according to the downloaded insurance records.

INSURANCE RECORDS

We receive reports from RMA for 2005, 2006, and 2007 that reflect producers who purchased insurance on an insurable crop for McPherson County. This report will normally provide the necessary information to complete the CDP application.

In situations where the production is not available on the RMA download the participant will be responsible for:

- o providing production records (ie: elevator delivery or settlement sheets);
- o summarizing all the producer evidence;
- o accounting for the total amount of unit production;
- o providing information in a manner that is easily understood.

PAYMENT RATE

Payment rates will be 42 percent of the maximum established RMA price for insured crops or 42 percent of the state average price for NAP covered crops.

CALCULATING PAYMENTS

FSA calculates CDP payments by multiplying the payment rate established for the crop times 42 percent payment level times the loss of production.

When calculating a payment for a unit loss the following factors will be applied:

- o a non-harvested payment factor to crop acreage planted but not harvested;
- o a prevented planting factor to any prevented planted acreage eligible for payment.

DETERMINING PRODUCTION

FSA includes all harvested, non-harvested appraised and assigned production for the total planted acreage of the crop unit to determine production under CDP.

If a crop is appraised and subsequently harvested as the intended use, FSA will take into account the actual harvested production to determine benefits. FSA will determine whether the evidence of actual production represents all that could or would have been harvested.

2005-2007 CDP RATES & YIELDS

CROP Non-irrigated	CTY AVG YIELD	2005 PRICE	2006 PRICE	2007 PRICE
Wheat	46 bu	\$3.50	\$3.15	\$3.90
Corn	54 bu	\$2.20	\$2.00	\$3.50
Sorghum	59 bu	\$2.15	\$1.95	\$3.30
Soybeans	23 bu	\$5.00	\$5.15	\$7.00



LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

The 2005-2007 LCP benefits livestock producers who suffered losses directly associated from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial or presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007.

McPherson County did have designations in 2005 and 2006. Livestock producers incurring losses in more than 1 year may only receive assistance for one year.

Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and physically located in the disaster county.

Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, deer, elk, equine, goats, reindeer, poultry, sheep, and swine that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes.

Documentation must be provided with the FSA-901 application to prove the feed loss or any additional feed costs occurring as a direct result of an eligible disaster event.



2005-2007 LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

The LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Those incurring losses in more than 1 year may receive assistance for only one year.

Eligible owners must have owned the livestock on the day they died in an eligible county as a direct result of the disaster event. The livestock must have died no later than 60 days from the disaster event ending date, but before February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock include beef, buffalo, dairy, catfish, chickens, crawfish, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys that are used as part of a farming operation and not for recreational purposes. Eligible livestock for contract growers includes poultry and swine.

Documentation must be provided with the FSA-900 application to prove kind, type, weight and number of livestock that died, and evidence that supports date, location and cause of death.

HOW TO APPLY FOR LIP/LCP

Interested livestock producers should contact the McPherson County FSA Office to schedule an appointment.

WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - www.eauth.egov.usda.gov



Dates to Remember	
September 10	LIP/LCP Signup Began
October 15	CDP Signup Began
November 12	Office Closed Veterans Day
November 22	Office Closed Thanksgiving
December 3	Final date to return ballots
December 25	Office Closed Christmas
January 1	Office Closed New Years Day
Continues	Rural Youth Loans for 10-20 Year Olds
Continues	Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program



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