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Republic County News

Republic County USDA Service Center

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
Darrell Carlson
Brad Hobelmann
Don Rizek
Esther Stafford, Advisor

County Committee
meets the first
Wednesday of the
month at 9:00 AM.

Staff
David McMullen
Cheryl Hiatt
Linda Trecek
Kerri Garman
Cindy Kopsa
Darcie Breuer

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

2007 Loan Rates

Wheat -	\$2.89
Corn -	\$1.93
Soybean -	\$4.81
Oats -	\$1.34
Sorghum -	\$3.21 cwt.
Sunflowers -	\$8.32 cwt.

The June interest rate is
5.875%.

Reminders

Make an appointment
to certify your crops.

Check the condition of
your farm stored grain
regularly.

Listen to the FSA Re-
port every Thursday at
9:50 AM on KREP FM
92.1.

CERTIFYING CROP ACREAGES

Certification is the reporting of crop acreages and land uses, as well as crop shares, planting dates and, in some cases, cropping information. Certification is required on farms that: 1) are enrolled in DCP, 2) contain CRP acreages or insured NAP crops, or, 3) produce a commodity (including wool) for which a loan or LDP may later be requested.

The 2007 Crop Reporting Deadlines in Kansas is **August 1st** for corn, milo, beans, sunflowers, all other crops and land uses, CRP, alfalfa, etc. After those dates, reports will still be accepted but late-filing fees (\$30 per farm plus \$16 per hour) are charged and evidence of the crop must still exist.

Bring along your crop insurance records when you visit our office to report your 2007 insured crops. This would greatly assist us in future crop insurance and FSA record verification.

Crop shares must be reported correctly, regardless how the DCP payments are shared.

APPOINTMENTS are required! And please call to cancel if you cannot make your scheduled appointment. ♦

DCP SIGNUP

August 3 is the extended deadline to timely enroll in the 2007 DCP Program. After Aug. 3, but prior to close of business on Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, farms may still be enrolled but late filing fees of \$100 per farm are assessed if the properly completed DCP Contract and other required documents are returned.

Changes that affect a DCP Contract during the summer (land sale, etc.) must be reported timely and a revised DCP Contract must be filed by **no later than Sept. 28, 2007, otherwise the contract is invalid and all 2007 DCP payments must be refunded.** ♦

FSFL

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program provides 7-year loans for up to \$100,000 at 85 percent of the cost of eligible grain storage and handling equipment.

New Staff Member

We welcome Darcie Breuer to the Republic County FSA Team as a Program Technician. She has previous FSA experience as she has worked in the Cloud County office and the Nuckolls County, Nebraska office. Darcie, her husband, Dennis, and two children, Dakota and MacKenzie, live in Courtland. ♦

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Bank account changes? If you change banks, accounts or your bank's routing number changes, notify us quickly! Rejected transactions returned to us for further processing takes time, plus delays your payments from 2-4 weeks!

Timely report all changes to your farming operation as soon as they occur, including changes in other counties. This includes owner, operator, address, and creation of entities, trusts, etc., direct deposit & bank account information, and crop share changes.

Report intentions to **break up land** before doing so (or at least before planting it). Altering wetlands or breaking up highly erodible land can cause payment ineligibility.

Producers with 2007 NAP Crop Coverage must remember to file a **"Notice of Loss" within 15 days** of the date a loss occurred or the damage to a covered crop was apparent.

Consider obtaining Level 2 e-Authentication Access. This allows you to perform many functions on-line from your home computer, including filing e-LDPs, enrolling in DCP, checking program payment info, etc. Contact FSA for details, including handouts and instructions.

Marketing Authorizations must be requested prior to moving loan collateral to market, otherwise severe penalties will be assessed. Marketing Authorizations may be requested for either a 15 or 30 day period. During this period, we suggest that you market only loan grain, otherwise your 'free or non-loan' grain will be considered loan grain unless you request measurement service to prove that the remaining loan collateral is still maintained in the structures designated in your loan file. ♦

COC NOMINATION TIME

Producers in LAA-1 (Big Bend, Washington, Liberty, White Rock, Union, and Freedom) are encouraged to nominate candidates, especially women & minorities, for the next COC (County Committee) election. August 1 is the deadline to nominate a candidate such as a landowner or operator, including yourself if you are interested in serving.

To be eligible to vote and/or hold office, the person must be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as either an individual or authorized rep of an entity. Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm and be well qualified for committee work.

A producer (landowner or operator) is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the LAA in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote. If you live outside the county, your LAA is generally where the majority of your farming operation is located.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who files this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file an appeal.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

The duties of the county FSA Committee members include:

- Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

COC and election details are available at FSA's website; www.usda.gov/fsa or specifically at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce> ♦

Dates to Remember	
July 4	Office close for Independence Day
August 1	Deadline to report 2007 crop corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and other land uses.
August 3	Deadline to timely file DCP Application
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
Continues	MILCX Program

Interest Rates – June, 2007	
Commodity/Price Support Loans	5.875 %
Farm Operating – Direct	5.250 %
Farm Ownership – Direct	5.500 %
Limited Resource	5.000 %
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000 %
Emergency Loans	3.750 %
Farm Storage Facility Loans	4.625 %

FRUIT & VEGETABLE LIMITS

Farms enrolled in DCP are subject to restrictions on planting Fruits and Vegetables (FAV). The basic rule is you cannot plant a FAV on "base acres" without jeopardizing your entire DCP payments on that farm, unless a producer has a farm history of planting a FAV on DCP base acres. Producers are allowed to plant a home garden of up to 2.0 acres and not be considered a FAV if the produce is for home use and not for sale. ♦

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