



# WABAUNSEE COUNTY



## FSA NEWS

### COUNTY COMMITTEE

Robert D. Kraus  
Janice Stevens  
Shirley Stuewe

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Second Thursday of each month  
9:00 a.m.

MAY 2009

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**ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE** - Remember the final date to report or certify wheat, oats, barley, triticale, and other small grains is June 1, 2009. August 3, 2009 is the final date for Corn, Soybeans, Sorghum and CRP. You must annually report your acres to qualify for program benefits. If you fail to report your crops by the deadlines listed above, you will be charged a late filing fee for each farm.

**FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS** - FSA offers seven-year, low-interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type, storage structures designed for whole grain storage
- Perforated floors, safety equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components considered essential for a fully functional storage facility
- Remodeling existing storage facility

Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000.

The maximum loan amount will be 85 percent of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment, not to exceed \$100,000 per borrower. A minimum down payment to the supplier or contractor is required to bridge the gap between the net cost of the storage facility and the loan amount. Fixed interest rates on farm storage facility loans are equivalent to the rate of interest charged on U.S. Treasury Securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. There is a \$45 application fee.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS** - Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

**COC ELECTION RESULTS** - Congratulations to Robert Kraus who has been re elected by producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3. We thank him for participating in the election. This years COC members are:

Robert Kraus - Chairperson  
Janice Steven - Vice Chairperson  
Shirley Stuewe- Regular Member



**2009 AVERAGE CROP REVENUE OR ACRES IS A SECOND OPTION TO DCP** - Under the ACRE Program, producers may receive revenue-based payments as an alternative to receiving price based counter-cyclical (CC) payments.

**ELIGIBLE FARMS** - Only farms with covered commodity base acres may participate in the ACRE Program. Farms that are already enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) for a crop year may elect to switch to ACRE before the end of signup. As provided by the 2008 Farm Bill, farms with 10 or less base acres are not eligible for DCP or ACRE Program payments, except for farms, whose owners are socially disadvantaged or are limited resource farmers or ranchers.

**ACRE ELECTION AND ENROLLMENT** - Sign up begins April 27, 2009 and deadline to elect and enroll in the ACRE Program is August 14, 2009. After election, producers must then enroll the farm in the ACRE Program to receive payments. Farms that elect the ACRE Program cannot receive CC payments. Note: If enrolling in ACRE, all producers on a farm must agree to the ACRE Program election.

The state revenue guarantee is computed as follows:  $90\% \times 5\text{-year Olympic state average yield for crop} \times \text{the most recent 2-year national average market for crop}$ . The farm revenue guarantee is computed as follows:  $100\% \times 5\text{-year Olympic farm average yield for crop plus per acre producer-paid crop insurance premium}$ .

An acre payment is issued when the actual state and farm revenues fall below the guarantees computed above. If you are interested to selecting ACRE for 2009, it will very important that you watch our publications closely. If you miss the opportunity to enroll in 2009, you will be given another opportunity to make the switch in 2010, 2011, or 2012.

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 27, 2009 – ACRE sign up begins

May 25, 2009 – Office Closed

June 1, 2009 – Final date to report Wheat, Barley and Oats without having to pay Late Reporting Fee

August 3, 2009 – Final date to report Corn, Soybeans, Sorghum and CRP

August 14, 2009 – Last day to sign up for Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

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