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County Committee Election

Ballots were mailed to eligible voters on December 10th. The LAA(s) conducting an election at this time include: LAA 1- Jefferson County Townships Delaware, Norton and Jefferson; LAA 4- Leavenworth Co. – all of Leavenworth County north of County Road 8; and LAA 5- Leavenworth Co. south of County Road 8 and all of Wyandotte County. The last day to return voted ballots to the FSA office is January 11th. Please make sure that you sign the outside of the envelope and put only one ballot in each envelope. The ballots will be counted at the County Committee Meeting on January 17th at 8:00am. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Retirement Celebration

Kay Campbell, Program Technician in the Jefferson-Leavenworth-Wyandotte County FSA Office will retire on January 3rd, 2008 after 39+ years of service to local farmers and landowners. A reception in her honor will be held at the Community Center in Lansing, KS on January 3rd, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Area producers, business persons, family and all who have had the privilege of working with Kay during her FSA career are invited to join us in wishing her the best in her retirement. The address for the Community Center is 800 1st Terrace, and is located just east of the stoplight at the corner of Highway 7 and 4-H Road in Lansing. Cards and letters can be sent to the Jefferson-Leavenworth-Wyandotte FSA Office at 700 Jefferson Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

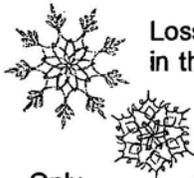
FSA offers seven-year, low-interest loans to grain procedures to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to: New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other 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 facilities.

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 (15%) to the supplier or contractor is required to bridge the gap between the net cost of the storage facility and the loan amount.



Crop Disaster Program Signup

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. **CDP signup** is scheduled to begin **October 15, 2007**.



Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose **only one year** to apply for benefits. Participants may apply for loss benefits on multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. For more information on this and other programs simply contact the nearest USDA Farm Service Agency office.

Livestock Disaster Programs

The new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) sign-up opened September 10. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive LCP compensation for feed losses or LIP for livestock losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Both programs have a separate \$80,000 per person payment limitation.

LIP - The 2005-2007 LIP provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Drought is not an eligible disaster event under LIP. 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.

LCP - The 2005-2007 LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Eligible livestock must have been owned on the start date of the disaster designation and physically located in the disaster county. Livestock owners must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the disaster event. 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.

