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**SUMNER COUNTY
FARMLINE**

July, 2008



**New Farm Program
for 2008**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. Signup for the 2008 program has begun and will continue through September 30, 2008. **Since the time frame of the program is considerably shorter this year, we will be mailing out the contracts to the farm operators instead of the operators making appointments.** This will begin immediately. Please watch your mail for these contracts and instructions on how to complete the forms. Producers and landowners, who previously executed a FSA-211 (Power of Attorney) on their behalf for anything other than "all current and future programs", will need to execute a new FSA-211 (Power of Attorney). We are currently going through our Powers of Attorney and mailing any that do not meet this requirement. Please note, all FSA-211's must be witnessed by a Notary if they are completed outside the County Office (COF).

Changes in the new program

The 2008 DCP shall be administered exactly like the 2007 DCP, except that a producer on a farm may not receive direct or counter-cyclical payments if the sum of the base acres on the farm is 10 acres or less unless the farm is wholly owned by socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers.

2008 Payments

The 2008 advance Direct DCP payments (22%) will be issued, if requested, as soon as practical after contract approval. The final DCP payments will be issued in October 2008. DCP Payments will remain the same as 2007 rates.

Prevented Planted Acreage

Please remember that August 15th, 2008 is the final date to timely file Prevented Planting for all Spring Crops.

Failed Crops

If you have failed crops that have been insured, bring the insurance appraisal into the office and file your failed acreage report as soon as possible after insurance releases the ground. For Non-Insured crops, you **MUST** file your failed acreage report before you destroy the crop.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, please be sure to report those changes to the FSA office ASAP. Failure to maintain accurate records with the FSA office, on all land you have an interest in, can lead to possible program ineligibility and/or fines.

*Certification deadline is
Aug 15, 2008*



APPOINTMENTS Please

Your time is valuable. Appointments should increase staff efficiency and save you time. Most of the staff resources will be devoted to serving producers with scheduled appointments. As a result, the number of staff devoted to walk-in customers will be limited and you may be asked to schedule an appointment to avoid lengthy waits.

Please call 620-326-2269 to schedule an appointment.

Please note: Certification of all cropland acreage is a requirement for the 2008 program. The final deadline for reporting Spring Seeded Crops, CRP and Fallow is August 15th, 2008. If you failed to certify your wheat or fall acreages, you can still do so by paying a late fee of \$46.00 per farm.



FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, grain sorghum, soybeans and corn.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other silo-type structures.

All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. Loans \$50,000 and over required a real estate mortgage.

FOREIGN INVESTORS 90-DAY REPORTING RULE

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report their land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of their interest in the agricultural land.

Programs to be released in late 2008

SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURE DISASTER ASSISTANCE (SURE)

To be eligible Producers must have Multi-Peril coverage or NAP coverage on commodities. Producers will have the option to buy their way in by paying a fee equal to CAT level coverage fee or NAP fee of \$100/crop. Producers must do so within 90 days of May 22, 2008. The deadline is August 20, 2008. The SURE program covers crop production losses and/or Crop Quality losses. The county must have Disaster Designation or Contiguous Counties that have incurred losses or have 50% production losses on the sum of all crop acreage in all counties that are planted or intended to be planted for harvest by an eligible producer. Producers must have coverage on all reported crops in order to be eligible for the SURE program.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)

Livestock Indemnity Program covers livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality rates during the calendar year due to adverse weather. The payment is 75% of fair market value.

LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM (LFP)

Livestock Forage Disaster Program covers forage losses due to drought for livestock producers. Producers must have NAP or Crop Insurance coverage on pasture rangelands. (Reported grazing acres must have NAP or MPC1.)

Reconstitutions and Combinations

All farm reconstitutions and combinations must be accepted by the FSA office no later than Aug 1, in order to be effective for the 2008 fiscal year.

2008 CROP YEAR MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS (MAL) AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Act), Pub. L. 110-234, was enacted into law May 22, 2008. The 2008 Act authorizes 2008 crop MALs and LDPs for the following commodities:

Barley	Honey	Safflower
Canola	Lentils	Sesame Seed
Corn	Mohair	Small Chickpeas
Crambe	Mustard Seed	Soybeans
Dry Peas	Non-Graded Wool	Sunflower Seed
Flaxseed	Oats	Wheat
Graded Wool	Rapeseed	
Grain Sorghum	Rice	

Hay, silage, and unshorn pelts derived from the eligible loan commodities are eligible for LDPs, but **not** for MALs.

GRAZE-OUT payments instead of LDP's for the 2008 crop year are available to eligible producers who:

- elect to use acreage planted to barley, oats, triticale, or wheat for the grazing by livestock
- agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on this acreage during the crop year.

Eligible producer can begin requesting LDPs and MALs from their local FSA office, but a new AGI certification will be required when signing-up for payments.

For commodity loan rates, please visit the national FSA website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&opic=lor>

RETIREMENT

Gwendolyn Slack, CPT in Sumner County, is retiring effective June 30th, 2008, after 40 plus years of service to FSA. Cards may be sent to her at home.

Her address is:
 Gwendolyn Slack
 153 S. Glendale Rd.
 Wellington, Ks. 67152

Congratulations to Gwendolyn on her retirement! She will be greatly missed!