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2008 CROP REPORTING UNDERWAY

Farm Service Agency (FSA), would like to remind producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. If producers miss the acreage reporting deadline, a late file fee will be charged.

Producers are required to file an FSA-578, Report of Acreage, certification for the farm by **August 15, 2008**. This is a change from previous years and effective for this year *only*. The delays in the announcement of the 2008 Farm Bill *and* weather conditions have contributed to the extension of the deadline.

It is also very important that producers report crop losses, including those insured under Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP), within 15 days of the date damage occurred or 15 days from the date damage is apparent. Losses and or damages to crops must be reported after each disaster occurrence *and* in a timely manner to ensure continued eligibility for benefits.

Producers are required to complete a Notice of Loss Application for prevented planted acres by **August 15, 2008**.

Producers that have a crop fail due to a disaster related condition may apply for failed acres on the crop by completing a Notice of Loss Application before the disposition of the crop. For insured crops, acreage must have been reported as failed acreage before the final crop reporting deadline.

Producers are encouraged to visit their local County FSA office to file the required FSA-578 certification report before the deadline. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

JOHNSON COUNTY CED RETIRING

Larry Olson will retire July 18, 2008, after nearly four decades as the County Executive Director (CED) of the Johnson County Farm Service Agency (FSA). Larry became the Johnson County CED on February 21, 1971. An open house is planned at the county office in Warrensburg on July 18th in recognition of his service to agriculture. The celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Customers and friends are invited to stop by.

Larry is a graduate of Hughesville High School; University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology/ Agriculture; and Kansas State University – Fort Hays with a Masters Degree in Zoology. While serving in the US Army, he was instrumental in the development of protective foot wear, jungle clothing, and medications used by troops during the Vietnam War.

Larry Olson
Johnson County CED
1971 to 2008

Larry is a recognized FSA leader in Missouri. He has trained scores of management trainees; pioneered computer software that helped serve customers more effectively; and has been consulted by FSA leaders at the state and national levels. In 1990, the Johnson County FSA operation was awarded the prestigious Administrator's Award for "Distinguished County Office Achievement" in a ceremony at the USDA headquarters in Washington DC. In 1999, Larry organized the collection, loading, and shipment of 550 big bales of hay to help drought stricken farmers in Southeast Oklahoma. In 2002, he organized a shipment of over 80 care boxes of "Home Goodies" sent to service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items and funds were collected from FSA employees across Missouri. Larry has also been very active and held leadership positions in the Missouri Association of County Office Employees (MASCOE).

SELECTED INTEREST RATES FOR JUNE 2008	
90-Day Treasury Bill	1.250%
Farm Operating Loans – Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership Loans – Direct	4.875%
Farm Ownership Loans – Beginning Farmer Down Payment	4.000%
Emergency Loans	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility Loans	3.375%
Commodity Loans	3.000%

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM: CRITICAL FEED USE

CRP participants with certain established vegetative cover may voluntarily have their CRP contract modified by CCC for critical feed use, including haying or grazing. The more environmentally sensitive land will not be eligible for haying and grazing and must be left undisturbed. This modification for Critical Feed Use is only available in 2008 after the primary nesting seasons ends (July 15th) through November 10, 2008.

Signup started June 2, 2008 and one can sign up at their local FSA office. An enrollment deadline has not been established.

Eligible practices that can qualify for Critical Feed Use are:

*CP1 *CP2 *CP4B
*CP4D *CP10 *CP18B *CP18C.

Acreage must have been fully established for 12 months to be eligible for this program.

Haying Provisions:

- Haying cannot begin until **July 16, 2008**.
- Only 50% of *each field* can be hayed.
- Cannot hay and graze the same acreage.
- Hay must be removed before **Nov. 10, 2008**.
- Only *one cutting* is permitted.

Grazing Provisions:

- Grazing cannot begin until **July 16, 2008**.
- 75% or 100% of *each field* can be grazed.
- Livestock must be removed before **Nov. 10, 2008**.



FEES: An administrative fee of **\$75.00** per contract must be paid before permission to hay or graze is granted. **No annual rental reduction will be assessed.**

All producers on the CRP contract will be required to sign a conservation plan revision and a CRP-1M contract modification form.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP

Eligible producers who experienced crop losses from 2005 through 2007 can apply to receive disaster assistance with FSA's Crop Disaster Program (CDP). FSA continues to accept applications for quantity losses under the CDP, and will soon begin taking applications for the second phase of the program, which covers quality losses.

For commodities to be eligible for quality loss payment, verifiable production evidence showing the grading factors which attributed to the poor quality must be submitted. The commodity must have suffered at least a 25% reduction in value to meet the minimum economic loss. A single "load" of grain with poor quality can receive benefits, as long as the damage was caused by an eligible disaster condition. A CDP price will be used to determine payment amounts.

Producers must have had crop insurance or Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage to be eligible for this program. **Quality loss participants will be required to provide total actual production evidence for all harvested production per unit, including all production without quality problems.** The actual production evidence will need to show price, quantity, and quality factors.

The quality loss program applies only to harvested production. Appraised commodities (i.e. wheat), which were later destroyed,

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District 4 Service Centers

Jasper Grant, District Director

(573)876-0925

Benton County FSA Office

Annette Steelman, CED
Steven Lair, FLM
535 North Hwy 65
Lincoln, MO 65338
(660)547-2351

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Carroll County FSA Office

Chuck Riley, CED
Annette Brandt, FLM
1405 Hwy 65 North, Suite A
Carrollton, MO 64633
(660)542-8732

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Chariton County FSA Office

Julie Stoecklein, CED
Robert K. Hardwick, FLM
104 South J.F.K. Avenue
Keytesville, MO 65261
(660)288-3279

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Cooper County FSA Office

Connie Gibson, CED
Jct. 87 & I-70 17066 Highway 87
Boonville, MO 65233
(660)882-5647

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Henry County FSA Office

Bill Spry, CED
1306 North 2nd Street
Clinton, MO 64735
(660)885-5567

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Howard County FSA Office

Brian McDonald, CED
743 State Route DD
Fayette, MO 65248
(660)248-3384

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Johnson County FSA Office

Larry Olson, CED
727 PCA Road Suite A
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660)747-8400

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Lafayette County FSA Office

Stanton Thompson, CED
Brian Bagnell, FLM
120 W. 19th Street
Higginsville, MO 64037
(660)584-8732

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Pettis County FSA Office

Jay O'Bannon, CED
Steven Lair, FLM
1407 W. 32nd Street
Sedalia, MO 65301
(660)826-3339

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Randolph County FSA Office

Eddie Mckeown, CED
Michael Arnold, FLM
2995 County Rd 1325
Moberly, MO 65270
(660)263-1169

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Ray/Clay County FSA Office

Jarrell Foreman, CED
500 Wollard Blvd.
Richmond, MO 64085
(816)776-5861

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Saline County FSA Office

Jared Singer, CED
704 N. Miami
Marshall, MO 65340
(660)886-7447

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

DEADLINE JULY 18TH FOR LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP) AND LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP) SIGN-UPS

2005-2007 LIP and LCP provide benefits to producers who suffered livestock losses or feed losses directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.

To be eligible for LCP & LIP, producers must have: either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock on the beginning date of the disaster period(s); and suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster event during the disaster period.

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must be: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that; have been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the disaster period; and have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the disaster period.

To be eligible under LIP, livestock must have: died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event(s) between Jan. 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2007, and were maintained for a commercial farming operation on the day they died.

If a producer had livestock on feed lots in other states that perished due to severe weather, they could be eligible for reimbursement for their loss through LIP. Producers will need a copy of their livestock death certificates that provide the county and state where livestock was lost.

Interested producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency county office for information on eligibility requirements and application procedures.



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cut for silage, or hayed, are ineligible. Stored and fed production are eligible, but only if a quality test was taken by January 1 of the year following harvest indicating quality and quantity. For stored production, the price is determined using the local market conditions in effect on the date the production evidence is submitted. For fed production, the value is determined using the local market conditions on the crop's final harvest date.

For more disaster program information, go online at: <http://-disaster.fsa.usda.gov> or visit your local FSA office.

2008 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Through August 1, 2008, farmers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to a Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee. Counties are divided into Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for election purposes. The LAA(s) in District-4 counties in which the 2008 election will be held are listed in the chart below.

County	LAA	Townships
Benton	1	Alexander, Tom, Fristoe, Union
Carroll	3	Ridge, Rockford, Carrollton, Combs, DeWitt, Eugene, Miami
Chariton	3	Mussel Fork, Keytesville, Bowling Green, Chariton
Clay	5	East Platte, Plattsburg, Smithville, North Kansas City, West Kearney, West Liberty
Cooper	1	Clark's Fork, North Moniteau, Palestine, Prairie Home, South Moniteau
Henry	2	Walker, Davis, Deepwater, Bear Creek, Clinton, Fairview
Howard	1	Bonne Femme, Burton, Prairie
Johnson	1	Jackson, Columbus, Hazel Hill, Simpson, Grover
Lafayette	2	Sni-A-Bar, Washington, Freedom
Pettis	3	Bowling Green, Cedar, Lake Creek, Sedalia, Smithton
Randolph	1	Chariton, Clifton, Jackson, Salt River, Salt Spring
Ray	2	Polk, Fishing River, Northern 1/2 of Richmond
Saline	1	Arrow Rock, Cambridge, Clay, Salt Fork

Any eligible person residing in the LAA who is interested in running for the County Committee, or would like to nominate an individual, must submit a nomination form by August 1st. This form (FSA-699A) is available at any of the District-4 FSA offices, or on line at <http://-www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/mo>. It is located under the "I Want To" section on the right side of the screen.

County Committee members make decisions that have significant impact on you and your county's agriculture. They employ the County Executive Director and make decisions with regard to applications for federal farm program and disaster benefits. Your participation in this election process is highly encouraged.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

District 4
 Jct. 87 & I-70
 17066 Highway 87
 Boonville, MO 65233-9640

2008 WHEAT LOAN RATES

COUNTY	SOFT RED WHEAT (\$/bu.)	HARD RED WHEAT (\$/bu.)
Benton	\$2.31	\$3.09
Carroll	\$2.33	\$3.19
Chariton	\$2.34	\$3.18
Clay	\$2.50	\$3.42
Cooper	\$2.36	\$3.14
Henry	\$2.29	\$3.09
Howard	\$2.39	\$3.16
Johnson	\$2.29	\$3.18
Lafayette	\$2.33	\$3.27
Pettis	\$2.31	\$3.16
Randolph	\$2.36	\$3.15
Ray	\$2.33	\$3.21
Saline	\$2.34	\$3.21

- ◆ Nine-month non-recourse loans using farm-stored or warehouse stored grain as collateral.
- ◆ Farm-stored grain can be measured by requesting a measurement service from FSA; bushels will be guaranteed. Minimum fee is \$46.
- ◆ Or producers can certify the number of bushels in storage.
- ◆ All farm-stored loans are subject to spot-check.
- ◆ For grain stored in a commercial elevator, a warehouse receipt with 9-months prepaid storage is required.
- ◆ To be eligible, producers must:
 - ◆ comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements.
 - ◆ File annual acreage reports.
 - ◆ Maintain beneficial interest in the grain while the loan is outstanding.

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RAINFALL DATA

The following rainfall data was recorded at FSA Offices within District 4.

County	January 2008 Actual	January 30 yr. Average	February 2008 Actual	February 30 yr. Average	March 2008 Actual	March 30 yr. Average	April 2008 Actual	April 30 yr. Average	May 2008 Actual	May 30 yr. Average
Benton	1.14	1.55	3.04	2.03	6.03	3.24	8.37	4.20	5.29	5.45
Carroll	0.88	1.37	3.34	1.49	3.50	2.76	5.91	3.76	4.17	4.89
Chariton	1.22	1.58	4.31	1.53	3.54	3.04	6.56	3.70	4.61	4.58
Clay	1.44	1.10	3.05	1.11	2.89	2.33	5.28	3.29	4.01	4.60
Cooper	1.73	2.01	3.56	2.18	3.43	2.93	6.22	3.91	4.29	5.14
Henry	1.36	1.58	3.05	2.00	4.50	3.14	7.96	3.88	6.18	5.34
Howard	1.46	1.61	4.16	1.78	3.86	3.07	5.61	3.73	3.99	4.82
Johnson	1.38	1.30	3.72	1.75	3.88	3.25	5.84	4.00	4.95	5.16
Lafayette	1.28	1.76	3.94	1.76	3.57	2.81	6.86	4.04	3.84	4.96
Pettis	1.70	1.58	5.25	1.81	4.29	3.03	6.09	3.92	4.58	5.32
Randolph	2.16	1.63	4.57	1.88	3.88	3.12	4.27	4.01	4.36	4.88
Ray	1.41	1.44	2.66	1.52	2.23	2.81	4.51	3.80	4.74	5.00
Saline	1.40	1.35	3.39	1.39	3.25	3.06	5.51	3.90	3.15	4.77