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Holt County ***FSA NEWSLETTER*** January 2010

Dear Holt County Producers

DCP/ACRE Sign up Continues

FSA offices continue to sign producers up for the 2010 DCP (Direct & Counter-Cyclical) and ACRE (Average Crop Revenue Election) annual programs. The sign-up period will end June 1. Contracts are approved after all producers have signed the contract. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment based on 22% of their direct payment.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for 2008 losses under SURE is anticipated to begin January 4. When available, office personnel will access RMA informational downloads for application data. If a producer has production evidence that is not obtainable through the RMA download, such as hay/forage, fruits and/or vegetables, the producer must supply that production evidence. Regardless of insurance type or coverage level, the economic stimulus funding has created additional options under the SURE program. Every producer and each situation will be different, so it is in your best interest to inquire about the SURE program. We currently do not have the interim reports or workbooks needed to process the application but anticipate receiving them soon. We strongly encourage producers to contact the office to schedule an appointment so we may inform you of the information needed before making the trip.

CRP

There is the possibility of a CRP general signup in 2010. Producers are reminded that land must be physically capable of being cropped in order to be eligible for the program. Land currently enrolled in CRP that has tree/brush encroachment over the years will be ineligible unless physically capable of being cropped at the time an offer is made to participate in the program.

Highly Erodible Land (HEL)/Wetland Conservation (WC)

Compliance with HEL and WC provisions are required to receive program payments. Farmers with HEL determined soils must be in compliance with tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan.

Contact should be made with your USDA Service Center, prior to any land clearing or drainage projects, to complete form AD-1026. Contacting your USDA Service Center before taking any action can save you time and money, as HEL and WC violations can be very costly.

Production Evidence

Producers are faced with a challenge this year to keep production separate for various FSA Programs (ACRE, NAP) and crop insurance units. Verifiable records includes production that is sold, measured by FSA or Crop Insurance. Settlements should include buyer's name, date, producer's name, and quantity of commodity.

Challenges arise when different farms and unit production is commingled. Producers can provide supporting records such as custom weight tickets, bin marking or contemporaneous records to separate production. These records will only be accepted if the County Committee approves the record's reasonableness. If either above method is unavailable or unacceptable, the production may be prorated by total planted acres of the crop or a plug yield will be used.

1099's

Producers who received a payment in 2009 from FSA should be receiving a CCC-1099 in the mail the last week of January. The CCC-1099 is FSA's report to the IRS concerning payments issued during the 2009 tax year. The 1099 is mailed from KCMO but County Offices have access to the report to be able to assist producers if they have any questions.

Computer software problems have caused numerous issues regarding 2009 payments. Producers should thoroughly review their 1099G for accuracy.

Beginning Farmers

If you are considering purchasing farm real estate in the future, the Farm Service Agency may be able to assist you with your financing needs. Applicants will be required to provide a 5% down payment, with 45% of the loan amount provided by the Farm Service Agency and the remaining 50% provided by a commercial lender. The maximum eligible Farms Service Agency loan is \$225,000. The FSA loan term will be 20 years, the current fixed interest rate is 1.5%. Eligible beginning farmers:

- Have operated a farm or ranch for 3-10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm

- Do not own a farm in excess of 30% of the county average size farm

COC Elections

Congratulations to Dean Johnson who was elected to the County Committee for three years. Dean represents producers from Lincoln, Liberty, Clay & Union Townships. FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The County Committee system works only because of your participation.

Thank you Dean for serving!

Selling Land?

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in CRP, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you may have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Please discuss possible program options with the county office staff before selling any land.

NWMO Corn/Soybean Growers Meeting

The 2010 NWMO Corn/Soybean growers meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn in St Joseph on Monday January 25. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and is jointly sponsored by Mo Corn and Mo Soybean Associations. Your attendance will give you a chance to keep up on current issues associated with production agriculture by listening to and visiting with knowledgeable speakers in various areas. Lunch will be provided by local agribusinesses. The meeting will conclude by 2:30.

CCC Loan Collateral

Producers are reminded that grain under loan cannot be removed or disposed of without prior authorization or repayment. Releases may be made by phone or in person when you are ready to move the grain. A loan violation is subject to administrative penalties, liquidated damages and denial of future farm-stored loans and LDP's.

So it is important to CALL before you HAUL!

Annual Notice to Producers

FSA is required annually to notify producers of many program requirements, policies, and reminders. The following are some of those notifications:

Spousal Signatures: Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs in which either has an interest. In most cases, this option is automatically available unless a request for exclusions is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

Power of Attorney: We have a power of attorney form available for those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the FSA office. This can be done by completing an FSA-211, Power of Attorney. The form is available at your local USDA Service Center or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>

Forms obtained and completed outside the USDA Service Center office must be notarized. To find out more, call the office.

Foreign Landowners: The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Faxed Signatures: Certain faxed signatures shall be accepted for all applicable program forms or

other documents approved for faxed signatures, if all other requirements are met.

Direct Deposit Mandatory: As of Jan 1, 1999, all payments issued by the county FSA office will be by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) to a pre-designated checking or savings account with your financial institution. Forms are available at the FSA office to sign up for direct deposit if you haven't yet. For those already signed up, it is important that we are notified anytime there is a change in your account number or financial institution. If we are not notified timely, future payments may be delayed.

Controlled Substance: Any person who is convicted under federal law of planting, producing, cultivating, harvesting, growing, or storing a controlled substance will be ineligible to participate and receive payments under USDA programs. Marijuana, opium poppies, and other drug producing plants are controlled substances.

Reporting Farm Changes: It is also the producer's responsibility to notify FSA of ANY changes in their farming operation or entity status throughout the year. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to, a change in contract shares which may reflect change of land lease from cash rent to share rent or from share rent to cash rent; addition or deletion of a farm; change in the structure of the farming operation, such as individual to a corporation or trust; change in contributions or inputs such as personal labor, or change in farming interests.

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA County Office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

Website for Digital Imagery: Landowners who have access to the internet may find the following site of interest. Producers can access 2004 digital imagery for their land by using the map room link at <http://www.cares.missouri.edu/index.asp> There will be no line work on the fields, but it is a good source of current photography. Producers can also access topographical maps, floodplain maps and measure distance and acreages.

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January interest rate for Facility Loans is 2.875%
and the rate for Commodity Loans is 1.375%



*If you are considering a new grain bin,
ask about a Farm Storage Facility Loan!*

Dates to Remember

Jan 18	Office closed for Martin Luther King Holiday
Jan 25	Corn Growers & Soybean Assoc meeting in St Joe
Feb 1	Deadline on 2009 LDP's for wool, mohair & unshorn lamb pelts
Feb 15	Office closed for President's Day
Mar 15	Final date to purchase NAP Ins coverage on hay, pasture & other NAP crops
Mar 15	Final date to purchase FCIC Crop Ins on Corn & Beans
Mar 31	Final date to obtain a Loan or LDP on wheat & oats
June 1	DCP/ACRE sign up ends
June 1	Final date to obtain a loan or LDP on 2009 Corn & Beans
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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