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Adams County News

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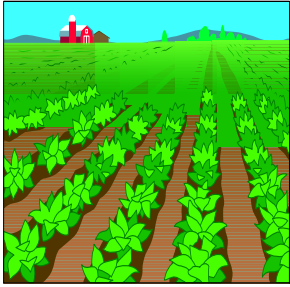
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Dates to Remember	
2-27-2009	2005-06-07 Deadline Crop Disaster Program - Quality
3-16-2009	Sales Closing/Cancellation – Spring Planted crops- with Crop Insurance Agent
3-16-2009	2009 NAP Sales Closing date for Spring Planted crops (not insurable) with FSA Office
5-1-2009	2009 Forage Crops-Report Acres
6-1-2009	DCP Enrollment Deadline – No Late-files
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7-15-2009	2009 Spring Seeded Crop Acreage Report Deadline
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program
Within 15 Days of Final Plant date	Report Prevented Planting Acres to FSA.

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County Committee meets
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Robin Robertson, CED
Nancy Ellenberger, PT
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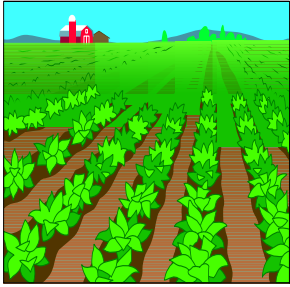
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Dates to Remember	
2-10-2009	COC Meeting
	Farm Loan Officer in Bedford
2-16-2009	Office Closed – Presidents' Day
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6-15-2009	Last day to report small grains
7-3-2009	Office Closed – Independence Day
7-15-2009	Last day for crop reporting
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

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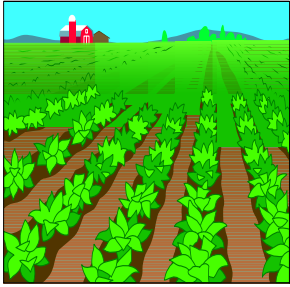
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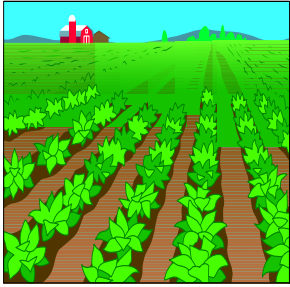
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Applications for FSA Loans

Farmers and ranchers that intend to apply to the Farm Service Agency for loan assistance for the upcoming crop year are encouraged to file their applications as early as possible. Filing early will help ensure that your loan is processed and approved as early as possible so that planting decisions can be made. Failure to apply early can result in a delay in processing loans due to the volume of applications that must be processed in date order. Contact your local FSA farm loan manager or officer for more details and assistance in applying.

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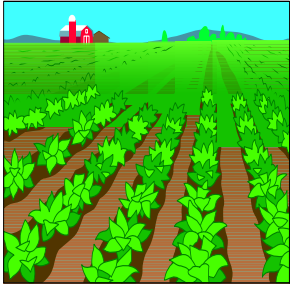
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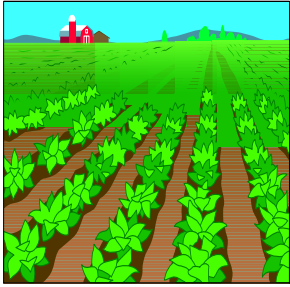
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Congratulations to Max Smith who was elected to represent farmers from LAA2 and Payton Gummo who will represent LAA3 with the resignation of S. Michael Mower. We thank Mike for his dedication and service to the agency during his time served and welcome Payton to the Committee.

Following are the results of the election:
LAA2: Max Smith- Elected to the COC, Dave Knab- 1st alternate, and Randall B Smith-2nd alternate to COC

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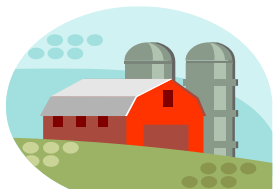
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and

**DCP and ACRE sign-
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**Crop Reporting
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**6/15/2009 – Small
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Marketing Assistance Loans

Harvested grain can be put under loan to provide capital and greater marketing flexibility.

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Loans may be requested when the grain is harvested and producers must own or have beneficial interest in the grain as long as the grain is loan collateral. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

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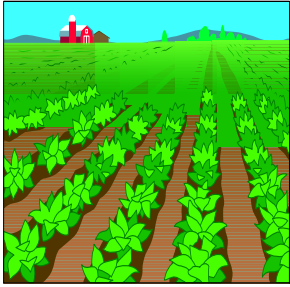
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Selected Interest Rates for March 2009	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.00%
Farm Ownership - Direct	3.50%
Limited Resource - Farm Operating	5.00%
Limited Resource - Farm Ownership	5.00%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.5%
Emergency	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility	2.25%
Commodity Loan	1.50%

Dates to Remember	
6-1-2009	DCP Deadline – No Late-file
6-1-2009	Deadline for corn, sorghum & soybean MAL's
6-15-2009	Deadline to report small grain MAL's
7-15-2009	Deadline to report all other crops including CRP/CREP
Continues	'09-'12 MILC sign-up
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

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