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2005 COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENTS

The final DCP Counter-Cyclical (CC) payment rates have been announced for 2005 wheat, oats and barley. Wheat and oat payments were not earned, and since no advanced CC payments were made there will not be an overpayment for producers. The final CC rate for barley is \$0.13 per bushel. For producers who chose advance CC payments on barley, they will receive \$0.025 per bushel for their final payment.

2006 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The committee system of supervising the operations of County FSA Offices and the local administration of federal farm programs, is 73 years old this year. "Producers have an important opportunity to ensure that their FSA County Committee represents them by participating in the county committee election process," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. "I encourage agricultural producers across the country to vote this fall." The election schedule is listed below along with a chart showing District 4 counties; local administrative areas (LAA) within each county holding the election; and the names of the 2006 candidates. For specific information about the candidates please contact the respective County FSA Office.

Election Schedule

November 03, 2006 – Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in the designated LAAs.

December 04, 2006 – Ballots must be returned or post-marked.

December 11, 2006 – Final date to canvass the ballots.

County	LAA	Townships	Candidates
Carroll	1	Washington, Fairfield, Hill, Leslie, Stokes Mound, Van Horn, Hurricane	Barbara Cowan
Chariton	1	Bee Branch, Cockrell, Wayland, Salisbury	John W. Stundebek Henry Maurice Scheiderer
Cooper	2	Blackwater, Boonville, Lamine, Saline	Nancy Dianne Sites
Henry	3	Tebo, Windsor, Deer Creek, Springfield, Bethlehem, Leesville, Osage	Darlene Baskins Glen Crawford
Howard	2	Chariton, Richmond	Fred Bockting Jr. Fred C. Weiker
Johnson	2	Centerview, Kingsville, Madison, Montserrat, Warrensburg	Marion T. VanMeter
Lafayette	3	Dover, Middleton, Davis	Larry Bargfrede Dwayne F. Edwards David H. Lueck Betty A. Nieman
Ray/Clay	1	Orrick, Camden, South Richmond	Dwight McMullen
Saline	2	Grand Pass, Marshall, Miami	Dale Miles

20 YEARS OF CRP SHOWCASED IN SALINE COUNTY

National, state and local farm leaders, politicians and statewide media representatives took part in a tour in Saline County on June 28 celebrating 20 years of the Conservation Reserve Program. The tour also highlighted the ongoing working relationship between FSA, NRCS, MDC and Quail Unlimited in Saline County.



Joining in the celebration were Larry Adams, FSA Assistant Deputy Administrator for farm programs, Tim Kelley, Missouri State FSA Director, and Morris Westfall, former Missouri State FSA Director. Gerald Hrdina, Suzy Moore, and Michelle Motley, State FSA Conservation personnel were also on hand to guide the tour. Representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources were also on hand. Other invited guests included the Missouri State FSA Committee members, Saline County FSA Committee members, Saline County Commissioners, Missouri House of Representative, Joe Aull, Quail Unlimited Regional Director, Jeff Hodges and Jerilyn Johnson, editor of *Missouri Ruralist*.

A chartered tour bus took the group to see four different farms that demonstrate a variety of CRP practices. At each stop, the landowner, along with various state FSA personnel and MDC representatives, explained the benefits gained from the program. Practices such as Upland Wildlife Buffers, Quail Enhancements, and Wetland Restoration provide improved habitat for quail and other wildlife while controlling soil erosion. Riparian Corridor Tree Planting along a creek and drainage area help slow scour erosion, stabilize the creek bank and provide wildlife habitat in an area that frequently floods during the growing season.

The tour was coordinated by State FSA Conservation personnel with assistance from the Saline County Service Center staff.

NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of a commodity for which *crop insurance is not available*. To receive assistance for an eligible crop, a producer must pay a nonrefundable service fee of \$100 per crop per administrative county; or \$300 per producer per administrative county, but not to exceed \$900 per producer. The 2007 sales closing dates for NAP crops commonly grown in the counties within District 4 are listed below.

For the sales closing dates for crops not listed, please contact your local FSA Office.

NAP CROP	SALES CLOSING DATES
Greens	September 01, 2006
Value Loss Crops (Ornamental Nursery, Christmas Trees, Aquaculture, Sod)	September 01, 2006
Barley	September 30, 2006
Grapes	November 20, 2006
Peaches	November 20, 2006
Honey	December 01, 2006
Potatoes	December 31, 2006
Alfalfa	March 15, 2007
Alfalfa Mix	March 15, 2007
All other grass and legumes	March 15, 2007
Pumpkins	March 15, 2007
Vegetables	March 15, 2007
Watermelon	March 15, 2007
Double Crop Soybeans	March 15, 2007

** Double crop soybeans in Henry County are ineligible for NAP because regular crop insurance is available.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Several employees have been newly hired in FSA Offices within District 4. Their names, county, and a little bit about them appear below. "Welcome aboard"

Cindy Doll (Henry County)

Cindy started as a temporary employee in 2003, and became a full-time employee in July 2005. She is responsible for Conservation Programs, Price Support Programs, and Payment Limitations. "My biggest challenge has been in conservation, but thankfully the folks in our Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office are awesome and have been very supportive". Cindy and her husband, Darwin, have been married for 28-years. They have two children (Dustin-25 and Dawnielle-23). No grandchildren yet, but "where there's life there's hope."

Laveda Broyles (Saline County)

Laveda has worked 2-years as a temporary employee for both FSA and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). She became a full-time FSA employee just 2 ½ months ago. Laveda is responsible for Compliance. She is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree. She lives in Bosworth, Missouri, and has three sisters and a brother. "My biggest challenge has been trying to remember all the producer's names."

BENEFICIAL INTEREST POLICY CHANGING

The policy on beneficial interest is undergoing some revision. A recent notice by the national office highlighted these changes.

Unlicensed Facilities — Producers who deliver commodities to a facility where the commodity is commingled with commodities from other producers are ineligible for a Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP), if the facility is not authorized by state or federal law to store such commodities for the benefit of producers. Therefore, delivery of commodities to a location that is not considered a CCC-approved or state or federally licensed facility will result in the loss of beneficial interest in the commodity on the date of physical delivery.

Deliveries of a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, pit, ethanol plant, wool pool, feed mill, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery, regardless of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer.

Seed and Hybrid Seed Contract Producers — Commodities produced under a contract in which the title to the seed remains with the entity and the entity provides the seed to the producer, including contracts for the production of hybrid seed and other specialty seeds, are eligible to be pledged as collateral for a MAL and/or LDP. Beneficial interest in the commodity will be considered lost the earlier of the date a payment is received for the commodity or the commodity is delivered to the contract company.

Purchased Commodity — A person who purchases or otherwise acquires a commodity from a producer under any circumstances does not have beneficial interest in the commodity regardless if the purchase or acquisition is made before or after the harvest of the commodity. However, CCC will consider a person to have beneficial interest in the commodity if, before harvest, the person has obtained title to the growing commodity and the risk of producing the commodity at the same time title was obtained for the land on which the commodity was growing.

Deceased Producer — Upon the death of a producer, CCC will consider an estate, heirs of the deceased producer or a person to whom title to a commodity has passed by state law, to have beneficial interest in a commodity produced by the deceased producer. The same terms and conditions that would have been applicable to the deceased producer will be applicable to the assumed producer.

One thing hasn't changed: To be eligible to receive marketing assistance loans or loan deficiency payments, you must have the beneficial interest in the commodity when you apply for the loan or LDP. In the cases of loans, you must maintain beneficial interest for the duration of the loan.

Stay tuned for further information about these changes or visit with the county office staff for details.

CRP COVER MAINTENANCE

You are required to maintain your Conservation Reserve Program acres according to the conservation plan you agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service technician. You need to make sure you:

- Have adequate approved vegetative cover to control erosion for the contract period
- Control weeds and other types of undesirable vegetation
- Take control measures outside of the primary nesting season. The primary nesting period in Missouri is from May 1 through July 15.

The three cover maintenance practices that are available to you are:

- 1) **Strip Herbicide Application.** this is used to set back but not eliminate vegetation. Should be done in strips.
- 2) **Light Disking.** This is done in strips between 25 to 75 feet wide and should be 2 to 4 inches deep and leave 50 percent residue on the surface.
- 3) **Prescribed Burning.** One needs to have a burn plan before using this option.

Look your conservation plan over to see the times of year that the above options can be used. Remember, to be eligible for 2006 maintenance, the maintenance has to be done by September 30, 2006.

Please keep in mind mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited. That is why it is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP land.

WOMEN'S INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The 6th annual "Women as Landowners and Landowner Partners" informational seminar was held July 25, 2006 in Concordia, Missouri. The seminar is co-sponsored by FSA and the University Extension. 150 women, primarily from Johnson, Lafayette, and Ray Counties, participated in the seminar. Subjects presented included: Missouri fencing laws, trespassing and breaking and entering laws, landowner liability insurance, equine livestock industry, identity theft, non-commercial agricultural lending, goat industry, and disaster preparedness and recovery. An evening meal was served by the Lafayette County Cattlemen Association.



2006 LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Last year millions of dollars were disbursed to producers in District 4 who requested Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). In 2005, FSA rolled out a new, streamlined LDP process that included a new application form CCC-633 EZ. This form will be the only one accepted in 2006. The following is provided as a review of the new process and explains how, and when, pages of the new form should be submitted.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 1)

- A single Page 1 signed by the producer covers all farms and all LDP eligible commodities in all counties, and *should be* filed before harvest or shearing. It *must* be filed before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost.
- A Page 1 can be submitted to any FSA Office.
- The Page 1 only indicates the producer's intention to receive future LDP benefits and *is not* a request for payment.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 2) – Feed Grains, Minor Oilseeds, and Pulses

- A separate Page 2 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested on a designated quantity of grain.
- A Page 2 can be submitted after the grain is harvested and while it is in storage.
- The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day the Page 2 is received.
- A Page 2 can be submitted after beneficial interest is lost.

The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day(s) beneficial interest was lost.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 4) – Wool, Mohair and Unshorn Pelts

- A separate Page 4 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested for wool, mohair, or unshorn pelts.

FOR 2006 CROP YEAR, THE CCC-633 EZ WILL BE THE ONLY LDP FORM ACCEPTED.

District 4 Service Centers

Jasper Grant,
District Director
(573)876-0925

Carroll County FSA Office

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

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

Chariton County FSA Office

Allen Powell, 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

Mark Hultgren, 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)

Ray/Clay County FSA Office

Cindy Epperson, 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

Everette Wood, CED
704 N. Miami
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Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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***SUBMIT A LOAN
DEFICIENCY PAYMENT
(LDP) APPLICATION FROM
YOUR HOME COMPUTER***

In 2005, many producers discovered that filing an electronic LDP application from their home computer was both convenient and efficient. With the 2006 harvest around the corner, now is the time to set up your Level 2 Access. This can be done by completing the eight (8) easy steps listed below:

- Step # 1 – Enter the following Web site address:
<http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>.
- Step # 2 – Click on “Create an account” in the quick links box.
- Step # 3 – Click on “Level 2 Access”.
- Step # 4 – Create the account by completing the boxes on the Create an Account page.
- Step # 5 – Click Continue.
- Step # 6 – Verify that your information is correct, and click the submit button.
- Step # 7 – You should receive a confirmation email within 1 hour. Click on the email confirmation link provided in the email within 7 days.
- Step # 8 – After Step # 7 has been completed successfully, take your photo ID and e-mail address to the local FSA Office where an employee will activate your account with Level 2 Access.

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***MANAGED HAYING & GRAZING OF CRP
ACREAGE AVAILABLE***

Are you short on hay or pasture this year? If your CRP cover is considered to have been established for 12 full months, you may come in to revise your CRP Conservation plan and make your request with FSA.

This revision permits the CRP participant hay or graze CRP acres no more than 1 out of every 3 years. The participant agrees to a payment reduction based on the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times 25 percent of the per acre rental rate. Participants also agree to stay within the 90 day designated haying period of July 16 through October 13, or the 120 day grazing period of July 16 through November 12. Hay must be removed from the acreage no later than October 31st and livestock must be removed no later than November 12th. Participants shall not hay the same acreage more than one time and cannot hay and graze the same acreage.

Acreage eligible for managed haying or grazing include acres devoted to the following practices: CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B, CP-4D, CP-10, CP-18B and CP-18C. Acreage devoted to useful life easements of land within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent water body is ineligible.

RAINFALL DATA

County	May 2006 Actual	May 2006 Average	June 2006 Actual	June 2006 Average	July 2006 Actual	July 2006 Average
Carroll	1.91	4.89	3.06	4.37	2.47	4.24
Chariton	5.10	5.10	4.19	4.54	3.06	4.01
Clay	1.83	4.60	1.88	4.56	3.74	3.96
Cooper	2.73	5.15	4.21	4.81	3.89	3.66
Henry	5.34	1.36	4.80	4.12	3.86	3.12
Howard	3.63	4.82	3.90	4.18	3.89	3.53
Johnson	4.65	5.16	1.78	4.98	2.06	4.13
Lafayette	2.07	5.83	4.25	5.25	2.14	3.82
Ray	3.30	3.50	3.09	4.47	2.67	4.37
Saline	3.16	4.77	2.44	4.32	3.66	3.69