

LYON COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Office Hours: 8:00 – 4:30



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County Committee Meetings – 1st Tuesday of the Month – 9:00 a.m.

WE'VE MOVED

The Lyon County FSA Office has moved to it's new location at 3020 W 18th, Suite A. We are located on the South side of the USDA Service Center Building (South of Wal-Mart). The Service Center building includes the NRCS Field Office, NRCS Area Office, Flint Hills RC&D, and the Lyon County Conservation District along with the Lyon County FSA Office.

LDP REMINDERS

Loan Deficiency Payments are now requested by filing a CCC-633 EZ form. Producers are required to file the 633 EZ form page 1 before losing beneficial interest in the commodity. The form covers all counties and all eligible commodities. Page 2 of the form is filed by producers when they elect to receive a LDP payment. CCC-633-EZ forms (page 1) were supplied to producers when the 2006 DCP contracts were generated.

The form **MUST** be signed and returned to our office prior to loss of beneficial interest in the commodity.

FARM FACILITY LOANS

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for

agriculture commodities. The seven-year facility loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. 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 facility and construction. A minimum down payment of 15 percent is required from the producer.

LYON COUNTY LOAN RATES

The following Loan Rates have been announced for Lyon County. Producers are eligible for Farm Stored and Warehouse loans.

WHEAT	\$2.85 / bu.
CORN	2.01 / bu.
MILO	3.33 / cwt.
SOYBEANS	5.06 / bu.
OATS	1.34 / bu.
SUNFLOWERS	8.93 / cwt.

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FSA Farm Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes both direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private credit from a bank, Farm Credit, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed and supplies. If you are having trouble getting commercial credit, check with the county office staff about eligibility, as well as maximum loan amounts, rates, terms and use of proceeds. The present operating rate for September is 5.625%.

Each year a portion of the funding FSA receives for loan programs is specifically targeted for socially disadvantaged persons and beginning farmers. FSA defines a socially disadvantaged person as one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, these groups are Women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

To qualify for an FSA loan, applicants must be U.S. citizens, have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, a set amount of experience operating or managing a farm or ranch and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms.

Additionally, youth loans are available for individuals between 10 and 20 years old, live in a town of less than 10,000 and are unable to obtain a loan from other sources. Loan proceeds may be used to buy livestock, equipment, and supplies, buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment, and pay operating expenses for running the project.

For questions on any programs, contact our office at 3020 W. 18th, Emporia or call 620-343-6944. The Emporia office covers the following counties: Chase, Greenwood, Lyon, Marion, Morris, Wabaunsee and Woodson.

Fall Forestry Field Day 2006

Scheduled **Thursday, October 12th**, from **9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**, the Fall Forestry Field Day will provide an opportunity for woodland owners, forest industry, foresters, research scientists and other natural resource professionals to network and share the best information, experience and techniques available to protect and sustain the forest and related natural resources of Kansas.

The 2006 Field Day will be hosted at Roy and Carolyn Turney's Tree Farm located a few miles southwest of Emporia. The Turney's Tree Farm features a 32 year old black walnut plantation, a 20 year old windbreak, and wildlife and native grass plantings. Sessions will also be held at the neighboring Brad Davis farm where native woodlands and a black walnut plantation border the Cottonwood River. The Field Day will include forestry exhibits, vendors, and 7 concurrent outdoor educational sessions. Refreshments and a delicious lunch will be provided by Bobby D's Merchant Street BBQ. A \$15 registration fee will be charged to help cover the cost of lunch and other expenses at the Fall Forestry Field Day. Registration will increase to \$20 after October 6th. Additional information including registration and directions to the Field Day may be found on the Web at <http://www.kansasforests.org/rural/foreststewardship/fallfieldday.shtml> or by calling the Kansas Forest Service State Office at 785-532-3300.