



MARSHALL COUNTY FARM NEWS

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Marshall County FSA

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Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

County Committee:

Duane Polson, Chairperson
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** Committee meets the 2nd
Thursday each month at 8:30 a.m.

County Executive Director:

Keith Tilley

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Sue Grauer, CPT
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Web sites available to producers

USDA Home Page: www.usda.gov
FSA Home Page: www.fsa.usda.gov
FSA Forms: www.sc.egov.usda.gov

2006 Loan Rates

Corn	\$1.82/bu
Sorghum	\$3.34/cwt
Soybeans	\$4.90/bu
Sunflowers	\$9.11/cwt
Wheat	\$2.84/bu
Oats	\$1.34/bu

RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION DEADLINE

The Marshall County Farm Service Agency committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates for the local county committee election to be held this fall. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the FSA county office by close of business on August 1.

The election will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) No.3. LAA-3 consists of the following townships: Richland, St. Bridget, Guittard, Murray, Rock, Lincoln, Vermillion, Noble, Clear Fork and Cleveland. The incumbent committee person from this LAA is Duane Polson of Vliets.

USDA encourages that nominations be made of producers that are representative of the agricultural producers in the county, including women and minorities. To obtain a nomination form, persons can contact the Marshall County FSA office at 785-562-5343 or go online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

2006 ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE

The 2002 Farm Bill requires all producers enrolled in the Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) to provide annual acreage reports to FSA. Acreage Reports are also required to be eligible for Loan Deficiency Payments and commodity loans. **The final date to file acreage reports for 2006 corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers, pulse crops and CRP is August 1. Please call for an appointment time.**

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for storing grain. The seven year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanent affixed drying & handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Contact the county office for further details.

RECONSTITUTION DEADLINE

Farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1, 2006 to be effective for 2006. A request for a reconstitution after August 1 will be processed for 2007.

MANAGED HAYING & GRAZING OF CRP ACREAGES

Managed haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage is permitted beginning July 16, 2006 for the state of Kansas. To hay or graze CRP acreages, you must file an application at the FSA office.

Haying is permitted from July 16 through August 15, 2006. Grazing may be conducted from July 16 through November 12, 2006. Only CRP that has not been hayed or grazed in the last three years is eligible for managed haying or grazing. Acreages planted to wildflowers, acreages burned in 2006 or acreages within 120 feet of a river, stream or water body are not eligible for grazing or haying.



CRP & DCP MAINTENANCE

Producers with land enrolled in CRP are reminded to review their Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO). The plan specifies the maintenance operations required on the acreages. The CPO includes control of noxious weeds, fertilization or burning schedules and restricted uses. Failure to adhere to requirements of your plan is considered a violation of the contract and grounds for termination. Producers enrolled in the Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) need to protect their base acreage from wind and water erosion and weeds must be controlled.

BENEFICIAL INTEREST POLICY CLARIFICATIONS FOR 2006

A regulation change for 2006 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) requires that production evidence include a statement from the warehouse indicating that the producer retains beneficial interest in the bushels being submitted for LDP or MAL. Warehouse operators have been informed of the change for 2006.

2006 CCC-633 EZ

Last August FSA introduced the CCC-633 EZ form. This is a two-part loan deficiency request that allows producers to (1) indicate their intention to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest in the eligible commodity, and (2) submit a request for an LDP at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest. Page 1 of the EZ form must be signed by the producer before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest is lost the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained. All producers are encouraged to submit page 1 of the 633-EZ (**before harvest**) for each crop whether or not they plan to subsequently request a loan or LDP.

4-H PROJECTS FOR 2007

Now that the County Fair is over, its time to start thinking about next year's projects. There are many projects available to 4-H members today which provide valuable experiences which lead to stronger rural America. However, the start up costs of many of these projects can be quite expensive to a student. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) may be able to provide loan funds to get the project started. FSA makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income-producing projects. These projects must be of modest size (loan size limited to \$5,000) and be initiated, developed and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA or a similar organization. The youth must be recommended by a project advisor such as a county extension agent, 4-H club or project leader or vocational teacher. In addition to providing financing for the youth project, this program also gives the young person valuable experience in borrowing money, dealing with a lender and keeping financial records. To request more information on the FSA youth loan program, contact the Farm Loan Staff at Seneca, Ks. Or they are also available every Monday in Marshall County from 9 am to noon by appointment.

LOANS FOR BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers.

A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county. (Note: all applicants for direct FO loans must have participated in business operation of a farm for at least 3 years.) If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers. **MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNTS – Direct FO or OL: \$200,000 – Guaranteed FO or OL: \$852,000** (Amount varies annually based on inflation).

