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## “2006” LOAN RATES

*For commodity loans & LDP's*



**Wheat-----\$3.02 bu.**  
**Oats-----\$1.38 bu.**  
**Corn-----\$2.00 bu.**  
**Soybeans-----\$5.06 bu.**  
**Milo-----\$3.48 cwt**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mar. 27 – April 14 - General CRP Signup**

**April 14 – Final date to enroll or extend CRP contracts expiring in FY 2007**

**May 31 – Final date to certify small grain**

**Aug. 1 – Final date to certify feed grains**

**June 1 – Signup ends for 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical payment program without late fee.**

## 2006 Reconstitutions

All 2006 reconstitutions of farms must be completed prior to 2006 DCP signup. Please inform the office of recent changes of land selling or acquisitions. Deeds or property tax statements must be brought into our office for proof of ownership.

## 2006 Certification

Please report 2006 crop acreage and CRP acreage for certification, to keep in compliance with Government Payments.

# SHAWNEE County FSA Capital News

## “ Conservation Reserve Program ”

A **GENERAL SIGNUP #33** for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been announced. This signup will begin on March 27<sup>th</sup> and end on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a competitive bid process. Your property must have been owned by you for at least 12 months prior to the signup deadline, and meet certain cropping history and other requirements in order to place a bid. An environmental benefit index (EBI) will be assigned to the acreage, and your offer will be limited to the typical cash rent value for the three predominant soil types on the farm. After signup, all offers will be transmitted to the national office for evaluation and acceptance. If accepted, the CRP acreage must be seeded and maintained in a permanent grass cover. Harvesting or grazing of the acreage in anyway, is prohibited, except under prior approved management practices. CRP Contracts expiring in October 2006 are eligible for this signup. For more information on this signup, please contact our office for details.

Letters for CRP contracts expiring in October 2007 were also mailed to producers. This letter gives details on extending these contracts without the bidding process as in the general signup. Producers with CRP contracts expiring from year 2008-2010 will receive a letter in the next few weeks explaining the opportunities to extend those contracts.

Producers interested in the CRP continuous signup, may enroll partial fields such as buffer strips (CP-21), and field borders (CP-33) (also known as the quail incentive program.) These are approved locally and have become a popular program in Shawnee County.

*We recommend that you call ahead for an appointment for any CRP enrollment.*

## Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program

Signup for enrollment in the 2006 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) is going on at the present time and will continue through **June 1, 2006**. Advance direct payments for the 2006 may be requested at signup. Please call for an appointment at 266-9053.



## Facility Loans

**NEED MORE FARM STORAGE?** Funds are available for loans to producers to borrow up to 85% of the new cost for storage and handling equipment. The term of the loan is 7 years. Loans may be made only for the purchase and installation of new storage facilities, remodeling of existing facilities, and permanently affixed drying or handling equipment.



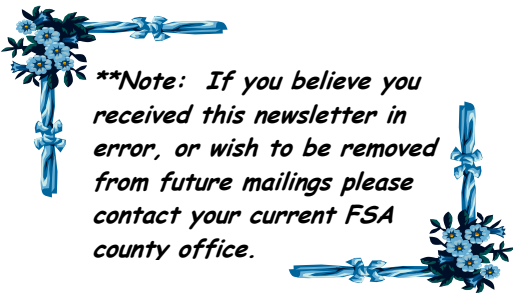
CCC-633 EZ for Crops

Don't forget that the Farm Service Agency rolled out a new, streamlined process for requesting loan deficiency payments last August. The CCC-633EZ is a combination of the original CCC-633 and the old, and now abandoned, CCC-709.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, producers indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits. This one page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the individual, joint operation or entity identified on the form.

One thing that hasn't changed is the requirement that the form must be signed before beneficial interest in the crop is lost. Once page 1 of the EZ form has been signed, the producer can submit an LDP request by completing page 2 at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest.

Beginning with the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ form and the eLDP online requests will be the only methods used.



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PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Producers should be aware of payment limitation and payment eligibility requirements to be eligible for most United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefits. Program payments that require eligibility determinations prior to payment include the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Loan Deficiency, Marketing Loan Gains, Environmental Quality Incentive, and Disaster Assistance Programs.

A producer or entity cannot be eligible for program benefits until a CCC-502 form, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review, and supporting documentation have been provided and County Committee determinations are made. The Farm Operating Plan does not need to be filed annually. However, producers are required to notify the County Office of any changes in the farming operation which would affect a "person," actively engaged in farming," cash-rent tenant, or foreign person determination. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to the following:

- Contract shares that may reflect a change of land lease from cash rent to share rent or a change from share rent to cash rent, modification of a variable/fixed bushel rent arrangement.
- The size of a producer's farming operation by the addition or deletion of a farm that may affect the application of a cropland factor.
- The structure of a farming operation, including any change in the member's share.
- Contributions of farm inputs of capital, equipment, active personal labor, or active personal management.
- The acquisition of farming interests not previously disclosed on CCC-502 or update, including the farming interests of a spouse or minor child.
- An increase in income that may affect the 3-year average for the determination of average adjusted gross income or other change that affects eligibility under the average adjusted income limitation.

By statute, entities earning program benefits subject to a payment limitation must provide to the county committee the names, addresses, and ID numbers of the entities' members. The entity is also required to inform its members of the requirements to designate "permitted entities." Signature authority is required for all entities.

Form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Certification (WC), must also be on file and a County Committee determination made prior to receiving benefits for most programs.

A "person" or entity can earn \$40,000 per year in Direct payments, \$65,000 in Counter Cyclical payments, \$50,000 under the Conservation Reserve Program, \$450,000 under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, and \$100,000 under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Other programs also have payment limitations, such as Loan Deficiency payments and Marketing Loan gains of up to \$75,000, a separate marketing loan gain or LDP limitation of \$75,000 exists for honey, peanuts, mohair, and wool. Spouses, if certain conditions are met, may be considered a separate person for payment limitation purposes if they request to be. An individual or entity cannot be eligible to receive certain payments and benefits if the average adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$2.5 million unless at least 75 percent of the average AGI was derived from farming, ranching, or forestry operations.

Payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations may be initiated by the County Committee or requested by the producer. All payment limitations and eligibility determinations, as well as AGI certifications, are subject to spot check. A "not actively engaged in farming" determination may result in the loss or denial of all program benefits and request for repayment of USDA payments or loans.

Noncompliance with the adjusted gross income provisions, either by exceeding the \$2.5 million limitation or by failure to submit the applicable certification statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to the adjusted gross income provisions. Program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible individual or entity in any entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the average adjusted gross income limitation.