

## APRIL & MAY 2007

**Lance H. Thompson, CED**

**Office Hours**

**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

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**County Committee**

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Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
@ 9:00 a.m.

**Office Staff**

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### **2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Sign-Up Change!**

Currently, we are continuing to sign up producers for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program. Recently, we received notice that the current enrollment date of June 1, 2007 has been extended to August 3, 2007 on all CCC-509 contracts. The reason for the extension is from recent USDA computer and network problems experienced from the months of December and January. What this means is, any contract enrolled from **June 1, 2007 to August 3, 2007** will not receive the **\$100.00** late enrollment fee from previous sign ups. But, any contract enrolled after August 4, 2007 to September 29, 2007, will be charged an automatic \$100.00 to enroll for the 2007 contract year. **Please call the office to set up an appointment time to sign up and certify your farms as soon as possible!**

### **Shawnee County has a new CED**

Lance Thompson has been selected as the new County Executive Director for Shawnee County. Lance has been with the Kansas Farm Service Agency for almost two years and has received training in various parts of eastern and north central Kansas. Lance comes to Topeka as the previous CED from Sumner County in Wellington, Kansas. Lance started as the CED in Shawnee County on April 2, 2007. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in General Agriculture with an emphasis in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics.

### **Commodity Loan Rates**

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$3.04/bu
Corn	\$2.00/bu
Soybeans	\$5.06/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.48/cwt
Oats	\$1.34/bu

### **Farm Storage Facility Loans**

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required.

### **Please Report all Record Changes to our office!**

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or 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.

Visit our website at:  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

### ***Acreage Reporting Deadlines and Late Filed Reports***

The deadline for reporting wheat, oats and barley and other small grain crops is **May 31<sup>st</sup>** and all other crops need to be reported by August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. In the past, if you were after these deadlines, you paid a fee of **\$25.00**. For 2007 and in the future, this fee has risen to **\$46.00** for every farm that is late filed in the office. Please schedule your appointment today to make sure your crop report is filed timely.

#### ***Mark Your Calendar***

<b>May 28</b>	Memorial Day – Office Closed
<b>May 31</b>	Final Date to Certify wheat, barley, oats
<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day Office Closed
<b>Aug 1</b>	Final Date to Certify corn, milo, soybeans
<b>Aug 1</b>	Final date to request reconstitution for 07
<b>Aug 1</b>	Nominations end for 2007 COC Elections
<b>Aug 3</b>	Early enrollment deadline for DCP
<b>Sep 3</b>	Labor Day – Closed
<b>Sep 29</b>	DCP Sign Up Ends

**From Aug 4 to Sep 29, DCP  
signup is \$100.00 for late  
enrollment in the program**

#### ***Reminders when visiting Shawnee County FSA***

- **Be sure to call the office to make an appointment for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Signup as well as to certify all crops in our office. We honor all producers, but we will serve appointments first.**
- Special accommodations can be made for producers with a handicap, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, by contacting Lance Thompson, CED, at (785) 266-9053.
- **Foreign Investors must report holdings of agricultural land in the U.S. within 90 days from purchase date to avoid assessment of penalties. Foreign investors in Shawnee County should contact the county office to complete the appropriate filings.**
- Recently, our state office announced that Kansas has received an additional allocation of 35,000 acres for Habitat for Upland Birds under the Conservation Reserve Program practice CP33. The purpose of CP33 is to provide food and cover for bobwhite quail in cropland acres. Eligible land may be enrolled in CP33 anytime under the continuous CRP. However, signup for the practice will end December 31, 2007 or when the acres are all enrolled, whichever comes first. Call our office for an appointment to discuss this new allocation of acreage for the CP33 practice.

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