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Woodson County News

**Woodson County
USDA Service Center**

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
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3rd Thursday

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County Office Consolidation Effective October 26, 2007

Woodson County producers were informed in June that the Woodson County FSA Office was being combined with the Wilson County FSA Office in Fredonia, Kansas.

The consolidation of Woodson County with Wilson County will be officially completed as of October 26, 2007. After this date, producers will conduct their FSA business at the Wilson County FSA Office at 930 N 2nd St., Fredonia, Kansas. Producers can contact the office by phone at 620-378-2128 or by Fax at 620-378-2420. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Woodson County Conservation District will conduct business effective October 1, 2007 at 105 N State, Suite B, Yates Center, KS 66783 phone number 620-625-3292. NRCS will conduct business effective October 1, 2007 at the Wilson County office.

Woodson County producers that selected an alternate county office to transfer their farm records will finalize the remainder of their 2007 crop year FSA business at the consolidated office. The official transfer to their alternate county office will be applicable for the 2008 crop year. Address and phone numbers for alternate offices are listed below:

- *Allen County FSA Office, 202 West Miller Rd., Iola, KS 66749
Phone# 620-365-2901
- *Coffey County FSA Office, 313 Cross St., Burlington, KS 66839
Phone # 620-364-2313
- *Greenwood County FSA Office, 1819 E River St., Eureka KS 67045
Phone # 620-583-6236
- *Neosho County FSA Office, 124 W State St., Suite 2, Erie, KS 66733
Phone # 620-244-3491
- *Anderson County FSA Office, 111 N. Maple, Garnett, KS 66032
Phone # 785-448-3128

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Woodson County LAA's have been restructured due to the consolidation of Woodson/Wilson Counties. The county will be split on Highway 75 the west side of the Highway will be LAA 4 and the east side of the Highway will be LAA 5.



EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Sign-up for ECP began on September 24 and will continue until October 23, 2007 due to the flood that occurred in June of 2007. For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would impair or endanger the land; affect the lands productivity; represent unusual damage which is not likely to recur frequently in the same area and be so costly to repair that federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to product agricultural use. ECP payments are subject to funding availability. ECP participants receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices. If you have any questions please contact the Woodson County FSA Office.

SIGN-UP DATES FOR NEW LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

Sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP) have been announced. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the LCP and LIP starting **September 10, 2007**. Eligible farmers can sign-up for CDP beginning **October 15, 2007**. Producers will need to sign up in Wilson County if you sign-up after **October 26, 2007**.

Livestock Compensation provides benefits to livestock products for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster – including producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Livestock Indemnity compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Crop Disaster Program provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have *suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.*



WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account
www.eauth.egov.usda.gov



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Dates to Remember	
Sept. 10, 2007	Livestock Incentive Program and Livestock Compensation Program sign-up begins
Sept. 24 to October 23, 2007	CRP and DCP final payments issued
October 1, 2007	NRCS moves to Wilson County
October 1, 2007	Woodson County Soil Conservation District moves to new location
October 8, 2007	Office Closed Columbus Day
October 26, 2007	Woodson County FSA Office closes
Continues	Rural Youth Loans for 10-20 Year Olds
Continues	Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program



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