

HARDING COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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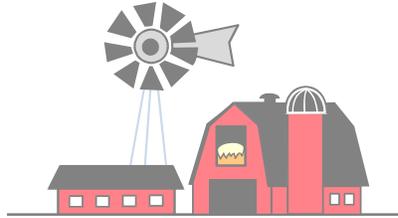
Jerry Thurman, CED
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COC REGULAR MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of
Each Month at 9:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday



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DIRECT & COUNTER-CYCLICAL PAYMENT SIGNUP UNDERWAY IN NEW FARM BILL

Contracts are available today at USDA Service Centers and signup will continue until September 30, 2008. For 2008, eligible producers may request to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments as soon as practical after enrollment. Final direct payments will be issued after Oct. 1, 2008.

The online, electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who obtain eAuthentication accounts.

The electronic service is available by going to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on "Access eDCP Service." To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. To get a Level 2 account, producers must complete an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov> and then visit the local USDA Service Center to verify their identity. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically. For more information about DCP, which will include a fact sheet, go to the DCP Web page at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=dccp&topic=landing>

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM-CRITICAL FEED USE – On May 27, 2008, USDA announced that certain acreage enrolled in CRP would be available for hay and forage after the ending of the primary nesting season. Beginning June 2, 2008, CRP participants may request to voluntarily modify CRP contracts for critical feed use, such as haying and grazing. Eligible acres may **not** be hayed or grazed until after the end of the primary nesting season (**JULY 2, 2008**). No rental payment reduction will be assessed on contracts being utilized for this critical use. However, a \$75 fee will be charged to process the required contract modification. CRP participants that modify the CRP contract to include grazing as a critical feed use must:

- Remove the livestock from the CRP acreage before November 10, 2008
- Not hay and graze the same acreage
- Leave at least 25% of each field ungrazed for wildlife or graze all of the CRP acreage at no more than 75% of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS or TSP
- Not conduct the grazing activity during the primary nesting season
- Re-establish at the participant's expense, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of critical feed use.

The most environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP is ineligible for critical feed use. (CCRP acreage is not eligible)

Participants who request a voluntary modification to the CRP contract to allow critical feed use must also obtain a modified conservation plan for haying or grazing management from the NRCS office. Please contact the Harding County FSA Office for more eligibility requirements. COC's shall conduct spot checks on at least 10% of CRP-1's to ensure that CRP cover is not damaged, wildlife and associated habitat is protected, and participants are complying with the modified conservation plan for critical feed use.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP) – DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

– The deadline to enroll is **July 18, 2008**. Harding County has been approved for LIP. The disaster designation 872 is showing winter storms from 12/19/2006 to 01/19/2007. If you have livestock that died due to the winter storms between these dates, please contact the Harding County FSA Office. Participants must provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths. Documents may include, but are not limited to any or a combination of the following: rendering truck receipts, National Guard or other agency receipts of carcass removal, veterinary records, IRS records, private insurance documents.

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LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS: DEADLINE ANNOUNCED – July 18, 2008

If you have not already signed up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), and Crop Disaster Program (CDP), please do so immediately. Producers are eligible for losses caused by natural disasters in 2006 for LCP and CDP. Producers can only receive benefits for one year in each program. Each program is limited to a maximum pay limit of \$80,000 dollars. Payments are made after all paperwork is filed and approved.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) -Producers who have a loss must file a Notice of Loss in this office within 15 calendar days following the occurrence of prevented planting, end of the planting period, the disaster event, or date damage to the crop acreage is apparent.

Note: Forage production should be turned in as soon as possible after final cutting.

Production records must be filed to establish an approved NAP yield and maintain Actual Production History (APH) for program benefits. **WHEN YOU FAIL TO TURN IN PRODUCTION, IT REDUCES YOUR APH YIELD THUS AFFECTING THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT YOU MAY RECEIVE IF A DISASTER OCCURS.

JULY 15 is the deadline for reporting 2007 production. It is very important to report production.

NAP regulations require production be reported as verifiable or reliable whether sold commercially or disposed of on the farm. All records must be dated and signed by buyer/seller. **A paid-for measurement service from FSA is available to substantiate production.**

****Verifiable** records are contemporaneous records that may be verified by CCC through an independent source and are used to substantiate production. Verifiable records shall be dated, show disposition of quantity of crop, and be seasonal.

****Reliable** records may include copies of receipts, ledger sheets, deposit records, register tapes, custom harvest invoices, records to verify input costs, or diaries.

COC Elections for LAA-3 – The Harding County FSA Office is accepting nominating petitions for LAA-3 (the area below David Hill) for the County Committee. The deadline to return the nomination form is August 1, 2008. Ballots will be mailed out November 3, 2008 and must be returned by December 1, 2008. This area has been served by Donald Walker. He is ineligible to run this year, but has been a very valuable committee person and we thank him for his service.

NRCS – EQIP 2009 – The NRCS is accepting applications for the 2009 EQIP signup. All applications must be received by the close of business October 17, 2008. To get an application, stop by the office in Roy or call 575-485-2294 Ext. 3.

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