

Anderson County News

County Committee meets 1st Wednesday of the Month
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Farm Loan Programs – By Appointment

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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

This year's election will be held in the Southern 1/3 of the county in local administrative area (LAA) 3. This includes the townships of Indian Creek, Ozark, Lone Elm, Rich, and North Rich, and is currently represented by Randal Beckmon. We encourage participation by socially disadvantaged groups representing minority and female farmers and ranchers. Nomination forms (FSA-669A) will be mailed from the state office and must be received by August 1. Individuals who want to file FSA-669A's may nominate themselves or another eligible candidate. Informational meetings will be held at this office on May 27 at 4:00 p.m. and May 29 at 10:00 a.m. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call your local FSA office and they will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed

WHEAT ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE JUNE 2, 2008

Acreage reports for wheat, barley, and oats are due June 2, 2008. Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and future programs that may be authorized by the new farm bill. Please call for an appointment to certify your acres so we can have your folders pulled for you.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM SIGNUP

We are still accepting disaster applications for 2005, 2006, and 2007 crops suffering a loss of 35% or more. Uninsured crops are not eligible under this program. There is currently no deadline to sign up, so call ahead for an appointment to sign up if you haven't done so already. **We will soon be accepting applications for quality losses, such as low test weight. If you think you had production with quality losses of 25% or more, bring in your load summary sheets so we can see if you qualify for an additional payment.**

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Applications are also being accepted for livestock producers who suffered grazing losses and/or increased feed costs because of drought conditions in 2006. Eligible livestock must have been owned on January 1, 2006, and still be on hand during the grazing season. There is currently no deadline to sign up.



FARM RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and/or payment reductions.

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. The interest rate for loans approved in May, 2008 is 3.000%.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Anita Sobba was working in the office as a temporary employee to help with crop and livestock disaster programs, and to help cover the office while Jolene was working part time in Linn County. Linn County now has its own CED, so Jolene is back in Anderson County full time. Unfortunately, there is not enough money in the budget to keep Anita through the summer. Anita has been a big help and we appreciate all her hard work.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM NEWS

NEED DEBTS REFINANCED OR 2008 OPERATING CREDIT?

Do you have outstanding operating debt or bank debt that needs refinanced? Do you need operating credit for 2008? FSA Farm Loans can help. Low interest rate loans from 3.125% to 3.75% are available. FSA can provide 100% financing. Some of the qualifications for an applicant are: must have sufficient repayment ability; have sufficient loan collateral; and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender. One exception is that FSA cannot refinance real estate debt. These rates are effective for May. Rates are subject to change in June.

If you are a Socially Disadvantaged Persons (SDA) there are reserved loan funds available. SDA groups are Women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

The FSA-Farm Loan Program Office located in Ottawa administers farm loan programs. Please contact their office at (785) 242-3527 ext 38 or 41 if you have any questions about the programs above or want to make an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2 – Last Day to Apply for 2007 Corn, Soybean, or Milo Commodity Loan

June 2 – Last Day to Report Wheat, Oats, and Barley Acres Without Late Fee

August 1 – Last Day to Report Corn, Milo, Soybeans, CRP, and All Other Land Uses

August 1 – Committee Election Nomination Forms Due

Crop and Livestock Disaster Programs – No Ending Date Announced Yet

New Farm Bill – Information will be sent out from the state office when announced.