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Butler County News

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Crop Insurance and NAP

Producers are reminded to insure all crops of economic significance, including crops harvested for forage, under either FSA's Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or federal crop insurance to be eligible for some of the new permanent disaster programs such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE).

The final date to purchase 2011 NAP coverage for alfalfa, all grasses including native grass, mixed forage, and oats is **December 1, 2010**. Fees are \$250.00 per crop limited to \$750.00 per county, or \$1875.00 per producer for all counties.

2011 DCP/ACRE Sign-up

Signup for the 2011 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) ACRE has begun and runs through June 1, 2011. Advance direct payments of 22% are available beginning in December. **We are currently scheduling appointments, please call the office to make yours.**

Acreage Reporting Requirements

Acreage reporting time is here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported with 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

May 31 is the final acreage reporting date for 2011 small grain crops; **August 1** is the final reporting date for spring seeded crops.

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



County Committee Elections

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters beginning November 5th. If there is an election in your LAA this year and you do not receive a ballot, please contact the office. In order for a ballot to be counted, the return envelope must be signed by the eligible voter. Powers of attorneys are not allowed; but, an authorized signature authority for an entity is valid. Ballots are due back in the county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010.

Farm Record Changes

Now is the time to report any owner or operator changes for 2011 so we can timely update your records. In addition, if you change banks or account numbers, you will need to complete a new direct deposit form so your payments will be issued correctly

2010 CROP LOANS

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans are available on 2010 crop year production. Our interest rate is the lowest available in the credit market. The interest rate for loans disbursed during November 2010 is 1.250 percent.

Loans can be repaid at any time, but mature the last day of the ninth month following the month the loan is disbursed, i.e. loans disbursed in November 2010 mature August 31, 2011.

Warehouse stored loans require warehouse receipts from the storing elevator. Farm stored bins must have inside and outside ladders and provide sufficient head room so a commodity inspector can get inside to sample the grain. Measurement service is available to determine the quantity or you can certify to the quantity.

HRW Wheat (bu)	Corn (bu)	Milo (cwt)	Soybn (bu)
\$2.80	\$2.05	\$3.42	\$4.96



AGI Verification

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2010 programs subject to adjusted gross income limitations (AGI) had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted:

- CCC-927: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information- Individual Form"
- CCC-928: "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information- Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. These forms must be submitted to IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.

Do not delay; timely submission of the form is required to maintain 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility. Failure to do so will result in collection of all payments issued for 2009 and/or 2010.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 5	County committee ballots mailed to voters
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Dec 1	Deadline to purchase NAP for grass crops and oats
Dec 24	Christmas Holiday
Within 30 days after loss	Final date to file a Notice of Loss for LIP after livestock death is apparent
Jan 30	Final date to file an application for 2010 livestock losses for LIP
Jan 31	Final date to apply for 2010-crop wool or mohair loan or LDP.
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

FSA Employee News

We would like to welcome our newest permanent employee Mandy Baker. Mandy and her husband, Shane Baker farm and ranch in the Rosalia area.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

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