



Clay County FSA

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Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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on the 1st Wed. of the Month)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 11 – Office Closed for Holiday

November 11 – Office Closed for Holiday

November 25 – Office Closed for Holiday

December 1- Deadline to purchase NAP for 2011 alfalfa and grass

December 6 – Ballots returned for LAA2

***Please don't forget to report any failed or prevented planting acres to our office so that you receive history credit.**

October 2010

Clay County FSA News

FSA Committee Election

The 2010 election for the FSA Clay County Committee will be for Local Administrative Area (LAA-2), the center portion of the county. **December 6, 2010** is the final day to return ballots for this election. Elected members will take office January 1, 2010.

Transition Incentive Program (TIP)

Are you a retired or retiring producer? TIP provides assistance for retired or retiring landowners or operators to transition land enrolled in **CRP** to a beginning or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer/rancher for sustainable grazing or crop production. A beginning farmer/rancher is a person or entity who has not been farming for more than 10 years.

Qualifying producers may be eligible under the TIP program to receive annual rental payments for up to **two** additional years after the CRP-1 expiration date provided the transition is not to a family member. Participants may enroll in TIP anytime beginning one year before the expiration date of a CRP contract.

2010 Commodity Loan Rates

Low interest 9-month commodity loans are available for grain harvested in 2010. Listed below are the rates for Clay County:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corn | \$1.95/bu | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grain Sorghum | \$3.31/cwt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soybeans | \$4.89/bu | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wheat | \$2.75/bu |

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Conservation Loan (CL) Program

FSA's new Conservation Loan (CL) program can provide farmers access to credit to perform conservation activities, including the equipment required to carrying out the plan.

CL funds can be used to implement a conservation practice approved by the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS), such as:

- terraces, diversions, waterways
- improving water quality
- stream bank stabilization projects
- establishment of forest cover
- establishment or improvement of permanent pastures
- transitioning to organic production
- manure management systems
- water conserving irrigation systems

Those interested may apply for funds with loan limits up to \$300,000. The interest rate will be the rate in effect either at the time of loan approval, or loan closing. Terms will vary and will be based on the life of the security offered, but not to exceed 20 years for real estate security and seven years for chattel property.

Additional information can be obtained from Cindy Zimmerman, Farm Loan Manager, at (785) 632-2253 or through the FSA website www.fsa.usda.gov/.

