



Gove County Farm Service Agency

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County Committee

David Polifka,
Chairman
David Weber,
V. Chairman
Gaye Wilson,
Member

Meeting Time/Location

4th Wednesday of the Month
9:00 am
Gove County USDA
Service Center

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FSA Committee Election Results

The Gove County FSA committee election ballots were counted on December 9, 2010. David Polifka was reelected to a second three year term. The organizational meeting was held on January 26, 2011 with David Polifka selected as Chairman, and David Weber as Vice Chairman. Gaye Wilson will serve as regular member.

DCP/ACRE Signup

We plan to continue our policy of making appointments for producers to complete their DCP or ACRE signup, payment eligibility forms, and report small grain acreage. We also encourage farmers to feel free to make appointments themselves. If activity is light and time permits we will take a walk in, however producers should be prepared to return if our calendar is already booked.

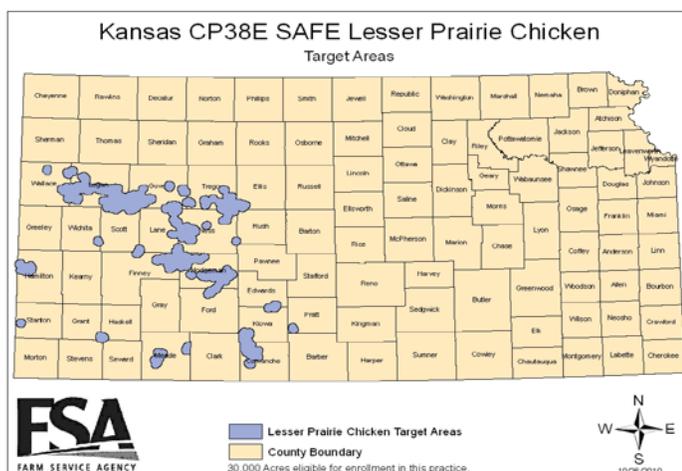
DCP/ACRE (Direct & Counter-cyclical Program/Average Crop Revenue Election) signup is taking place now through the established **June 1, 2011** deadline. June 1 is also the deadline if you want to change your enrollment from DCP to ACRE. Producers are encouraged to contact our office soon to perform their DCP/ACRE signup activities and are solely responsible for ensuring that enrollment occurs timely and properly. There are no late filing provisions allowed after June 1st.

ACREAGE REPORTING for 2011 small grain crops (wheat, oats, barley and other small grain) is to be completed by **May 31, 2011**, to avoid paying a late file fee of \$46 per farm. Producers are reminded that acreage reports are required to receive payments from FSA programs. These programs include but are not limited to: Price Support Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). You will also need planting dates when you report.

PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY forms are required to be reviewed and updated to earn USDA benefits. Form CCC-926 - Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement is taken on an annual basis for any person earning USDA benefits.

Prairie Chicken Continuous CRP Enrollment

Kansas SAFE-Lesser Prairie Chicken – In April, 2010, Kansas conservation partners proposed development of a Kansas SAFE Lesser prairie chicken (LEPC) practice in the southwest part of the state. The Goal is to develop 30,000 acres of new or previously established, but expired (or expiring) CRP mixed-species grasslands. Gove County is one of several counties given priority area determination. In order for land to be eligible at least a portion of it must lie inside a priority area. The map shows highlighted areas in the county and state which are priority areas. Unlike other continuous practices this CCRP has no size or acreage restrictions. In addition to the normal CRP payments, practice and signing incentive payments are available on a number of these practices that can add up to an additional \$100 per acre. If you are a producer or landowner who missed the last CRP sign up or are now interested in CRP because of change in your operation this would be a great opportunity to enroll acres into a CRP program.



2009 SURE SIGNUP BEGINS

The 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) signup will begin on January 10, 2011, and end July 29, 2011. The SURE program is a disaster program intended to aid farmers who experienced a crop revenue loss in 2009. For the 2009 crop year Gove is not a disaster county nor is it contiguous to a disaster county. In order to be eligible an overall loss greater than 50% of the actual production on the farm compared to normal production for the farm for that crop year must have occurred. The calculation considers all farms and all crops. Call the Gove County FSA Office for more information or if you have questions about the 2009 SURE program.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program NAP

NAP coverage is available on all noninsurable crops. To be eligible for supplemental disaster assistance programs all crops must be insured. Eligible producers must apply for coverage and pay the applicable service fees by the application closing date.

Application Closing Dates:

September 1-aquaculture, barley, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, rye, speltz, triticale, turf grass sod, and wheat.

December 1-all grasses, alfalfa, apricots, asparagus, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, clover, grapes, lespedeza, honey, mixed forage, nectarines, oats, peaches, plums, strawberries, and vetch.

January 1-apples and pears

March 15-coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash, walnuts, and *sorghum forage (cane)*.

Real Estate (Farm Ownership) Loans: FSA is currently offering fixed interest rate loans as low as 1.5% for 20 years for beginning or socially disadvantaged (minority) farmers. Eligible established and beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers may qualify for up to 40 year fixed interest rate of 4.5% for a participation loan or 4.5% for non-participation loans.

Operating (Farm Operating) Loans: FSA is currently offering 1.75% fixed interest rate loans for up to 7 years to finance machinery, equipment, livestock, modest real estate improvements or production expenses with repayment terms corresponding to the type of security offered.

Farm Storage Facility Loans: FSA offers loans for the construction of on farm Storage Facilities. The current rates are 7 years at 2.5%, 10 years at 3.125%, and 12 years at 3.375%. Contact the Gove County Service Center for these loans.

FSA Guaranteed Loans: Guaranteed farm ownership (real estate) and operating loans administered by FSA are available through commercial lenders. The "interest assistance" program allows FSA to pay 4% of the interest expense on guaranteed operating loans on behalf of eligible farmers.

Additional program information, loan applications and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center, or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Gove County producers are serviced by the Farm Loan Programs office located in the Logan County USDA Service Center in Oakley, Kansas, phone number 785-672-4861.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The Farm Service Agency is offering a program to qualifying producers for Farm Storage Facility Loans. This program offers low interest loans on approved facilities such as grain storage, grain handling equipment, and hay storage. The equipment and facilities must be new and will be required to meet certain specifications. The cost of land preparation will also be covered. Loans may be made for 7, 10, or 12 years with varying interest rates of 2.5% for 7 years, 3.125% for 10 years, or 3.375% for 12 years. These rates may vary on a monthly basis but once the loan is approved the interest rate is locked in for the life of the loan. Loans over \$50,000 require a real estate mortgage. Loans must be approved before any equipment or materials are delivered and sight preparation has started. If you have been considering a new grain bin, expanding a current facility, or hay storage you might want to visit with the staff at your local USDA Service Center first for details on these low interest loans.

FSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17-Martin Luther King Jr (office closed)
February 21-Presidents Day (office closed)
**March 15---Signup deadline for 2011 NAP
Coverage on sorghum forage**
May 30-----Memorial Day (office closed)
**June 1-----Signup deadline 2011 DCP/ACRE
Deadline to certify small grains**
July 4-----Independence Day (office closed)
**August 15--Acreage certification Deadline for
Spring Seed crops including CRP**
September 5-Labor Day (office closed)
October 10---Columbus Day (office closed)
November 11-Veterans Day (office closed)
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