



Harper County FSA News

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Service Center Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Committee

Donald Gill, Chairperson
Marjorie Cartmill, Vice-Chairperson
Vacant, Member

**COC Regular meeting is at 8:00 AM
the 2nd Wednesday of each month**

Employee Information

County Executive Director- TC Dawson
Teryl (Cookie) Reed, Program Technician
Nanci Marshall, Program Technician
Jyl Riebel, Program Technician
TaLana Burkholder, Program Technician
Donald Reber, Field Assistant
Terry Miller, Field Assistant
Limual Vinson, Farm Loan Manager



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LOAN RATES

COMMODITY	2011
Wheat	\$2.64/bu
Corn	\$2.13/bu
Soybeans	\$4.96/bu
Oats	\$1.37/bu
Gr. Sorghum	\$3.46/cwt
Sunflowers	\$9.52/cwt
Barley	\$1.80/bu

Dates to Remember

May 31	Certify small grain acreage
May 31	Final date to obtain loan or LDP on feed grains, oilseeds, and cotton.
June 1	Final date to enroll for 2011 DCP or ACRE.
Aug 1	Certify all other crops and CRP
Dec 24	Anthony Service Center is closed
Dec 31	Anthony Service Center is closed
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	SURE sign up for 2008 crop losses.
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

2011 DCP and ACRE Signup

The enrollment period for the 2011 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) ends on June 1, 2011.

The ACRE program provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year.

Planted crops considered eligible for ACRE payments include: wheat, barley, oats, grain sorghum, corn, upland cotton, peanuts, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, chickpeas or garbanzo beans), rice, soybeans, and other oilseeds (canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame seed).

CCC-927 or CCC-928 Must Be Sent To IRS

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.

Foreign Landowner Requirement

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction. Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land. For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disaster Assistance Programs

FSA disaster assistance programs include:

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase catastrophic risk protection insurance for all insurable crops, and coverage for non-insurable crops under SURE, TAP, and ELAP. Producers, who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource Producer, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher, do not have to meet this risk management purchase requirement.

For livestock deaths under LIP, producers must file a Notice of Loss within 30 calendar days of when death is apparent, and file an application no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the year.

Voting for County Committee Begins

Ballots for this year's county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2010. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on December 6, 2010. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 6, 2010.

The candidates in this year's election are: Bruce Oliver is nominated in LAA#2, Harper County, to serve as a committee member. Larry Easter is nominated in LAA#2, Harper County, to serve as a committee member.

Farm Reconstitutions

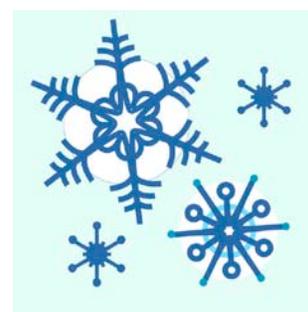
When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;



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