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County Committee Election

The COC election was held in LAA-2 the central portion of the county. Congratulations go to Beverly Porter who was elected to a 3-year term. The Jewell County FSA Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Report Your Crop Acres

2011 Crop acreage reports are to be certified by May 31 for small grains (wheat, barley, and oats) and August 1 on all other crops.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of May 31 for small grains and August 1 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

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

2011 DCP and ACRE Signup

Signup for the 2011 DCP and ACRE programs is currently underway. Producers who have enrolled may receive 22% of the annual payment in advance of the October final payments. The producer may elect to receive these advance payments in any month from the time all signatures are obtained and the end of the fiscal year. The farm program contract (CCC-509) requires all owners and operators to sign the form. The final date to return signatures is June 1, 2011.

2009 SURE Signup

Signup for the 2009 SURE program is currently underway and will continue through July 29, 2011. Under this program producers are reimbursed for losses incurred during the 2009 crop year. Jewell County is contiguous to a secretarial designated county, so producers must only have a 10% loss on a crop of economic significance in order to be eligible for payments. Loss benefits under SURE are calculated based on the total farm revenue from all crops of economic significance on the farm during the crop year. A requirement of the SURE program is that all crops of economic significance are covered by crop insurance or NAP.

FSA administers several programs that may be available to assist livestock producers who are dealing with problems caused by natural disasters. Among the key programs are the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Forage Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm raised Fish Program (ELAP). For livestock death losses to be eligible for LIP, producers must file a notice of loss with their local FSA Office within 30 calendar days from when the loss is present.

NAP Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the final acreage reporting date for the crop, the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verifiable according to FSA specifications. Maintain all records for the current year and the immediate three past years for spot check purposes.

NAP losses must be reported within 15 days of a disaster event or the date the loss becomes apparent.

A change this year is that feed acres intended to be chopped for silage are no longer covered under NAP. Insurance on these silage acres must be purchased through your RMA insurance provider. NAP coverage is required for SAFE, LFP, and ELAP benefits.

Farm Stored Facility Loans

Under the Farm Stored Facility Loan program we issue low interest loans to participants to erect new farm storage. The program requires at least a 15% down payment, and loans over \$50,000 must be secured by real estate. The current interest rate is 2.75% on a 7 year fixed note. Larger loans may be stretched out for 10 or 12 year repayments, but the interest rate does increase. Producers wishing to apply for a Facility loan will need to provide current financial information in the form of cash flows and balance sheets, an estimate for the cost of the bins to be erected and a \$100 application fee. We can also loan on hay storage, silage pits, and cold storage for vegetables under this program.

2011 Commodity Loan Rates

Wheat	\$3.08	Barley	\$1.84
Corn	1.98	Oats	1.43
Soybeans	4.84	Sunflower	10.62 cwt.
Sorghum	3.25 cwt.		

A Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) is available to producers who share in the risk of producing a crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity. LDP repayment provisions are available if the market goes down below the loan rate.

Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers are not required to participate in the DCP and/or ACRE Programs to be eligible for commodity loans. Violating provisions of a loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA county office at 785-378-3731, and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements.

Foreign Land Ownership Requirement

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Act, (AFIDA), requires foreign persons, including corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, associations or like entities who acquire, transfer or hold interests in Ag land, to report these holdings and changes to the Secretary of Agriculture. Reports must be submitted within 90 days of the date the land is bought, sold or transferred. Forms for reporting are available at any FSA office. Failure to timely file an accurate report may result in a penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

Report Farm Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land (including pasture), make sure you report the changes to the FSA within 30 days of the record change. Do not wait until DCP signup. Failure to report record changes within 30 days may cause the loss of all FSA benefits. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or signed contract for sale and the sales agreement. Ensure the sales agreement addresses all CRP and other FSA payment disposition. Name changes such as forming corporations, LLC's, partnerships, etc also need to be reported.

Sodbusting Newly Purchased Land, Rented Acreage, and Expired CRP

Prior to sodbusting **any** acreage including expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres and before planting a crop on newly purchased or rented acreage, check the Conservation Plan of Operation (CPO). Planting a crop on sodbusted acreage or on newly acquired land that does not have a fully implemented CPO will cause the loss of all USDA benefits on all acreage owned and operated. Form AD-1026 must be approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) prior to breaking any acreage or planting a crop on acreage that does not have a completed CPO.

Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and Women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans offers a streamlined alternative to litigation. The process provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and Women farmers and ranchers. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claim package or other information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov or calling Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429.

Adjusted Gross Income

The IRS and FSA joined forces last year to ensure program payments are not being issued to producers who exceed the Adjusted Gross Income provisions of the farm bill. All producers that earn USDA benefits must complete a CCC-926, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement and return this form to the County Office. Producers must also complete either a CCC-927, Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information – Individual, or CCC-928, consent to Disclosure of Tax Information – Legal Entity, and return these forms to the Internal Revenue Service at the address on the form. Individuals who earn payments indirectly through a participating entity must also file individual reports with the IRS. Failure to do so will require repayment of past benefits received.

CRP Conservation Plans of Operations

CRP participants need to be aware of their Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO's). The CPO is the documented file of practices to complete throughout the contract period. Any changes to the CPO would need reviewed and approved by NRCS and FSA. Producers are now actively applying many practices scheduled for 2011.

Continuous CRP Practices

The following CRP practices may be offered at any time under the continuous signup. Under the continuous CRP producers earn annual rental payments based upon the soil types of the soils being offered, earn cost share equal to 90% of last year's average cost when all incentives are applied, and also earn a signup incentive of a one-time payment equal to \$100 per acre for each acre enrolled.

- SAFE Acres, CP38E
Producers with small environmentally sensitive or erodible, or less productive spots in larger fields may want to check on the CRP SAFE practice. The SAFE practice stands for state acres for wildlife enhancement. Five acres or 20% of a field, whichever is larger, may be enrolled in the SAFE. These acres are planted to grass and their main focus is to provide nesting habitat for upland birds. Irrigated pivot corners may be enrolled in their entirety.
 - Quail Buffers, CP33
These acres are planted to grass and their main focus is also to provide nesting habitat for upland birds. This practice is limited to buffer strips on the outside edge of farmed fields.
- Other practices available include CRP waterways, windbreaks, filter strips, riparian buffers, and others.

Dates to Remember	
5/31/2011	Final Wheat, Barley, Oat, CRP, NAP Crop Reporting date
6/1/2011	Final date to sign up for 2011 DCP or ACRE and have all contract signatures returned
6/23/2011	Weed Identification Field Day
7/29/2001	2009 SURE signup final date
8/1/2011	Final date to report ALL 2011 crops
8/1/2011	Final date to receive nominations for COC