

Kearny County FSA News



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Thinking Ahead to 2011 Annual DCP/ACRE Signup and Certifications

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Committee Meetings are held at 9:00 am on the first Monday of each month at the USDA Service Center.



It's time to start thinking about your 2011 certification. Software is supposed to be up and running so that we can certify 2011 wheat and other fall-seeded crops in mid-October. We would greatly appreciate you calling to make an appointment to come in and take care of this timely.

Farm and Operation Changes

This is a great time of year for producers to notify us of farming changes that have been made. If you have sold or bought land, changed the way you do business (formed or changed a trust, partnership, corporation, etc.), assumed operatorship of a new farm for 2011, or any other type of farm business change, please notify us now. The best time to correct farm records is before a new program signup begins. This allows you to receive correct information and payments and can prevent problems down the road.

Reconstitutions

In program terminology, farms are *constituted* when having the same owner and operator under one farm serial number. When changes in 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:

- 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) land is sold to two or more persons; (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have 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;
- Default Method: the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

CRP Sign Up 39

CRP Sign up was completed by the deadline. Kearny County had 115 offers, of which 113 were accepted by the National Office. The county office staff would like to thank the producers who participated in the sign up and for your cooperation and patience with a large sign up and short time-frame.

Banking Changes

Notify FSA when you make changes with a banking institution that will affect the direct deposit information you have on file for your farm program payments. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account which will be delayed until you provide your new account numbers and/or bank routing numbers and bank addresses.

Notice of Loss for Failed Acreage

Failed acreage is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster related conditions, the crop failed before it could be brought to harvest. Producers who are requesting failed acreage credit shall prove to the County Committee's satisfaction that:

- the crop was planted with the intent to harvest using farming practices consistent for the crop and area and
- the acreage failed because of disaster-related conditions.

Disaster related conditions such as, but not limited to:

Earthquake, volcano, or damaging weather, including drought, excessive moisture, hail, freeze, tornado, hurricane, typhoon, excessive wind, excessive heat, or a combination thereof.

Insect infestation must be a related condition of the damaging weather for production losses to qualify for disaster benefits.

A notice of loss must be provided within **15 calendar days** after the damaging weather or disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer for low yield claims or **15 calendar days** after the normal harvest date. If you feel that you have suffered a loss and wish to get failed acreage credit you will need to file form, CCC-576, at your local FSA Service Center by the established timelines above before disposition of the crop.

County Committee Elections

LAA#3 which is located in the northern 1/3 of the county which includes the East and West Hibbard communities is holding elections this year. Janel Kysar is running for re-election. Janel has served two terms and is currently the vice-chairperson on the County Committee. We encourage participation in the county committee election and ballots must be returned to the FSA Office no later than 10:00 am December 6. **FSA counts on you: Nominate and Vote!**

Youth Loans for 4-H & FFA Members

FSA makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

To qualify for a loan, an applicant must:

- be a citizen of the United States (or a permanent resident),
- be at least 10 years old but less than 21 years of age;
- live in a town of less than 50,000 people;
- be unable to obtain a loan from other sources; and
- conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work, as outlined above.



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