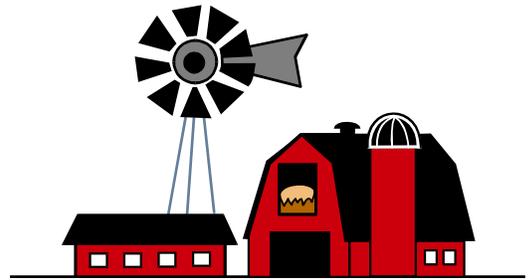




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## PHILLIPS COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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### COUNTY COMMITTEE:

Jimmy DeBey	CHAIRPERSON
Warren Kelly	VICE-CHAIRPERSON
Kenneth D Johnson	MEMBER
Kay Rose	ADVISOR

REGULAR MEETING DATE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 2008

## 2005 – 2007 Disaster Programs

Call the FSA office at (785) 543-2732 to set a time to sign up.

### Crop Disaster Program

Covers Crop Years 2005, 2006, and 2007

Only producers who had crop insurance coverage for grain crops or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on forage crops are eligible

Producers who have not been in and feel they have a qualifying loss should call for more information.

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### Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Covers grazing losses, due to natural disasters, for Crop Years 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Phillips County will be dealing with crop year 2006 grazing losses

Eligible livestock are beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, and horses used in a commercial operation. If you have other types of livestock, call to see if they are eligible.

You will need to know the number of livestock owned on January 1, 2006 that were intended to be put on pastures for the 2006 grazing season of May 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006.

**PROOF OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS NEEDED:** calf sales receipts, bank asset ledgers or financial statements, veterinary records

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### Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Covers livestock deaths due to natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, including deaths due the ice and snow storm that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Eligible livestock are beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and horses used in a commercial operation. If you have other types of livestock, call to see if they are eligible.

**PROOF OF LIVESTOCK DEATHS NEEDED:** dead wagon receipts, veterinary records, 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification

### DAIRY DISASTER AID PROGRAM

Eligible dairy producers can sign up for the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP-III).

## **Acreage Reports**

The software is finally here so the office is ready to certify your wheat acres.

**May 31, 2008 - final date** for acreage reports for wheat, oats, and other small grains. NAP producers need to report alfalfa, native grass grazing (pastures) by the earlier of April 15 or 15 days before harvest or grazing begins.

Stop in now to report your acres. Planting dates are needed to complete an acreage report.

Complete acreage reports are required to earn most program benefits.

**Late filed acreage reports require a fee of \$46 per farm.**

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## **Foreign Investors 90 Day Reporting Rule**

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days. Failure to disclose this interest can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land's market value.

## **County Committee Election**

Kenneth D Johnson was elected to the County Office Committee (COC) for LAA-1 the northeast 1/3 of the county. Thanks to the producers who took the time to vote in the COC election. The COC is your grass roots link to Washington. Let them know of your concerns and suggestions for a better local office and State and National policies. Thank you to Mark Losey for his years of service and representation of the producers in the county.

## **NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

**Sales closing date for 2008 crop year sorghum forage (cane), millet, and other spring crops is March 15, 2008.**

## **REPORT FSA FARM RECORD CHANGES**

Report record changes such as the sale of any acreage, operator change (for either fall or spring crops), estate or other entity formation or dissolution now. Even though no Farm Bill has been passed at this time, undoubtedly farm records will need to be correct and current to receive USDA benefits. All changes must be reported to the county office within 30 days of the change. Failure to report changes may cause the loss of program benefits.

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