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Meetings- 2nd Tuesday of every
Month- Meeting may be canceled. Please
check with the County Office for status.

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**SEDGWICK COUNTY
FARMLINE**

November 2008



Farm Program Informational Meeting

WHEN: November 5, 2008
WHERE: Sedgwick County Extension 4-H Hall
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 was enacted into law on May 22, 2008. While many of this farm bill's details are unknown, we will be hosting an Informational meeting to provide what details are known. Our State FSA Office just received their training in late October, and it was at this time we learned that the SURE and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program details will be provided in an additional training scheduled in the spring of 2009. Upon receiving this additional training, the Sedgwick County Office will host an additional informational meeting.

Some known highlights include:

- Base acres remain the same (no updating)
- Advance Payments available for 2008 through 2011 crop years
- Advance payment percentage is 22
- Use the land for an agricultural or agricultural conserving use
- Effectively control noxious weeds or maintain land according to sound agricultural practices
- Submit annual acreage report for all cropland and for all non-cropland on the farm
- Payment Eligibility/Limitation Requirements
 - Payments limited by direct attribution (*Crediting individuals and entities with both the amount of payments they receive directly or indirectly by holding an interest in an entity receiving payment*)
 - "Person" rules do not apply
 - Permitted entity rules do not apply

Crop	2008 Crop Year Loan Rate	2009 Crop Year Loan Rate	2010-2012 Crop Years Loan Rate
Wheat	\$2.75/bu	\$2.75/bu	\$2.94/bu*
Corn	\$1.95/bu	\$1.95/bu	\$1.95/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$1.95/bu	\$1.95/bu	\$1.95/bu
Barley	\$1.85/bu	\$1.85/bu	\$1.95/bu*
Oats	\$1.33/bu	\$1.33/bu	\$1.39/bu*
Upland Cotton	\$0.52/lb	\$0.52/lb	\$0.52/lb
Soybeans	\$5.00/bu	\$5.00/bu	\$5.00/bu

*denotes a change from the 2002 farm bill

Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

- 2009 through 2012 crop years
- Irrevocable election for the initial crop year and election is made through the 2012 crop year.
- If ACRE not chosen, then the farm considered enrolled in DCP.
- ACRE participants receive...
 - 20 percent reduction in direct payments.
 - 30 percent reduction in marketing assistance loan rates.
- Revenue-based, not price based
- Based on State parameters, not National parameters.
- Payments triggered when both apply:
 - Actual State revenue for the crop year for the covered commodity is less than ACRE program guarantee for the crop year for the covered commodity
 - Actual Farm revenue for the crop year for the covered commodity is less than the Farm ACRE benchmark revenue for the crop year for the covered commodity
- ACRE Program Guarantee
 - Shall not decrease or increase more than 10 percent from the previous year's ACRE Program Guarantee

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)

- MILC payments issued monthly when Boston Class I milk price falls below baseline of \$16.94 per cwt

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

- Enrollment authority extended through FY 2012

Biomass Crop Assistance (BCAP)

- Supports the establishment and production of crops within project areas for conversion to bio-energy
- Project areas are selected through an application process
- Producers enter into BCAP contracts
 - 5 year for annual and perennial crops
 - 15 year for woody biomass
- Producers within project areas may receive
 - Cost share payments for establishment
 - Annual rental payments
 - Payments for harvest, transportation and storage

Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, the vision impaired or the hearing impaired person(s). If accommodations are required, please contact Sean Rafferty, CED at (316) 721-6127

Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE)

- Covers crop losses due to natural disasters
- Producers must have purchased or be enrolled in:
 - CAT for insurable crops
 - NAP for uninsurable crops
- Waiver provision of CAT or NAP purchase for socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher
- Eligible producers on farms in disaster counties, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production losses and/or crop quality losses
- SURE Program payments equate to 60 percent of the difference between the disaster assistance guarantee and total farm revenue

Livestock Forage Program (LFP)

- The forage disaster program pays for grazing losses for producers who certify to a loss and reside in a county showing a substantiated drought impact measured by the Drought Monitor.
- LFP Payments are equal to 60 percent of the lesser of:
 - a) The monthly feed cost for covered livestock
 - b) The monthly feed cost for the normal carrying capacity of the eligible grazing land

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- The permanent livestock indemnity program is available to eligible producers on farms that have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality rates during the calendar year due to a disaster
- Indemnity payments may not exceed 75 percent of the fair market value for the species of animal

Failed Crops

If you have failed crops that have been insured, bring the insurance appraisal into the office and file your failed acreage report as soon as possible after insurance releases the ground. For Non-Insured crops, you MUST file your failed acreage report before you destroy the crop.



Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, please be sure to report those changes to the FSA office ASAP. Failure to maintain accurate records with the FSA office, on all land you have an interest in, can lead to possible program ineligibility and/or fines.



APPOINTMENTS Please

Your time is valuable. Appointments should increase staff efficiency and save you time. Most of the staff resources will be devoted to serving producers with scheduled appointments. As a result, the number of staff devoted to walk-in customers will be limited and you may be asked to schedule an appointment to avoid lengthy waits.

Please call 316-721-6127 to schedule an appointment.

Changes to the 2008 Farm Bill

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Act) was enacted on June 18, 2008. Section 1101(d) of the 2008 Act provides that a producer on a farm will not receive direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments if the sum of the base acres of covered commodities on the farm is 10.0 acres or less. This has commonly been referred to as the "10-acre provision."

On October 13, 2008 H.R. 6849 enacted legislation that provides for both of the following:

- ✓ suspending the 10.0 acre provision for the 2008 crop year
- ✓ extending the 2008 DCP signup for farms with 10.0 base acres or less of covered commodities until November 26, 2008.

Producers on farms with 10.0 base acres or less have until November 26, 2008 to initiate and complete enrollment of a farm for 2008 DCP. H.R. 6849 **DOES NOT** extend the DCP signup deadline for farms with greater than 10.0 base acres.