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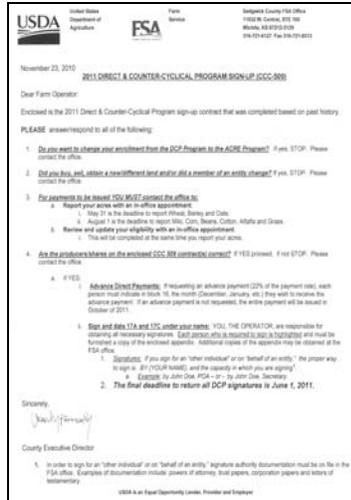
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Letters from our office
to your mailbox



In mid November, the Sedgwick County FSA office started mailing out DCP contracts to all farm operators; based upon last year's information. Operators will be responsible for making sure all applicable forms are properly completed and timely submitted.

The 2011 program will be the same as 2010. Farms with bases of 10.0 acres or less are not eligible for DCP or ACRE unless owned by producers who meet the FSA definition of a socially disadvantaged applicant (SDA) or a limited resource producer. Shares of payments must follow the share and risk of planted crops as in the past.

Along with the certification appointment, producers will be asked if there are any changes to their farming operations (ie. changes in land owned and or operated, newly established entities such as Trusts, Inc., LLC's, etc..). **All producers requesting payments will be required to complete a new CCC-926, AVERAGE ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) STATEMENT for 2011.** Owner's paperwork will be sent with the operator at the time of appointment.

Certify Wheat Acres NOW!

To avoid paying a late filed fee of \$46 per farm, producers are urged to certify wheat acres now. The deadline for reporting small grains is **May 31, 2011**. When filing your report, you must be prepared to report the planting date of each field. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, can prevent the loss of program benefits.

Please call 316-721-6127 to schedule an appointment

Financial Services Website



Get instant access to your current and historical financial data. Registered producers may view summary and detailed information about specific payments, collections, outstanding debt (excluding loans) and CCC-1099-G. How do you sign up to use FSA Financial services website? You must sign up for an e-Authentication Level 2 account on the www.eauth.egov.usda.gov website.



Farm Storage Facility Loans

USDA makes loans to participants to purchase and construct new storage structures for farm products. The maximum loan amount is \$500,000. The term of the loan on the larger loans may be for 7, 10 or 12 years. The interest rates for loans approved in October are 2.125% for a 7 year loan, 2.625 for 10 year, and 2.875 on 12 year loans. The principle amount must exceed \$100,000 to be eligible for the 10 year term and \$250,000 for a 12 year term. There is a \$100 application fee. USDA requires a 15% down payment for the program. Eligible storage structures include grain bins, drying equipment, concrete pads, and the electrical needs of the bins, just to name a few. FSA also lends on silage pits, hay sheds, and other farm storage structures. Producers will be required to carry crop insurance or NAP on all crops of economic significance.

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 your land can lead to possible program ineligibility and/or fines.

Sedgwick County FSA Address

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Reconstitutions and Combinations

At FSA, farms are "constituted" to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operations take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. If an owner or operator cannot agree about program participation, like in the case of the new ACRE program, then producers should inquire about a reconstitution of the farm at the local FSA office.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by August 1 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

Conservation Loan Program

Farm Service Agency has a new Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farmers access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources.

CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques, or technologies. The interest rate for this program will be the real estate interest rate which is 4.375% for October 2010.

Direct CLs can be obtained through FSA offices with loan limits up to \$300,000.

Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,119,000 are available from lenders working with FSA.

There is not a "test for credit" for this CL program and therefore farmers of all financial strengths are eligible for this program. There is a streamlined application process for applicants with a strong financial position that meet certain financial requirements.

If interested please contact Gary Nuss or Nick Bergkamp at 620-221-2060

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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.



2011 NAP Application for Coverage Deadlines Approaching

As it seems disaster events are inevitable, it is important to remember that all crops must be insured in order to maintain eligibility for SURE disaster benefits. Equitable relief waivers may not be available in future years, so please be sure to protect your eligibility for future program benefits.

Approaching deadlines for NAP are January 1st (Apples and Pears) and March 15th (coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops plus, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts).

Not: Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. Included as eligible crops are floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas trees, turf grass sod, industrial crops, seed crops, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), and forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed).

THE KANSAS WEATHER

As we all can attest, the Kansas weather is nothing to ignore. When the weather conditions become publicly hazardous, the local service center management team has at their discretion the authority to close the USDA facility. The safety of our employees is a top priority. If the weather becomes publicly questionable, please feel free to phone the office before you make the drive to town.