



Stanton County Farm Service Agency

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COC Meeting Date
2nd Wednesday of the Month
9:00 AM

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County Committee

Cheryl Adams,
Chairperson
Lisa Batterton,
Vice-Chairperson
Carolyn Smith,
Member

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County Committee Election

The Stanton County FSA Committee election in 2010 was held in Local Administrative area (LAA) #1, Carolyn Smith was elected to a three year term to the County Committee. The Stanton County Committee met on January 12, 2011, at that time the Committee was organized for 2011. For 2011, Lisa Batterton was elected to serve as Chairperson. Cheryl Adams will serve as Vice-Chairperson. Carolyn Smith will serve as the Regular Member.

DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) ends on June 1, 2011. Producers may use the e-DCP automated website to signup, or producers can visit the Stanton County Service Center to complete their 2011 DCP contract. June 1 is also the final date to return all signatures for producers with a share greater than zero. USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2011, eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. The Stanton County FSA Office is also taking Small Grain Acreage Reports. The final date to report wheat, barley, and oats acreage is May 31, 2011.

CRP Signup

Conservation Reserve Program Signup 41 is in progress. The signup ends on April 15, 2011. If you have questions or want to make an appointment, please call the FSA office at 620-492-2260.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

ACRE Program

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill. Through ACRE, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers producers an alternative to Direct and Counter-cyclical (DCP) payments. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state- and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments. Producers also elect to receive a 20% reduction in direct payments and a 30% reduction in loan rates. A decision to elect ACRE binds the producer to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill. Final date to sign-up for ACRE for 2011 is June 1, 2011.

FOREIGN INVESTORS 90-DAY REPORTING RULE

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report their land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of their interest in the agricultural land.

Request for Reasonable Accommodations

The Stanton County FSA Office will provide special accommodations, upon request, for individuals with disability, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call Mendi Battin, CED, 620-492-2260, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

Beginning Farmer Loans

Beginning Farmer Loans are available to individuals who have operated a farm or ranch for less than 10 years. This program includes a Down Payment Farm Ownership Loan to assist in land purchases. It also provides a means to transfer land to a future generation.

SURE Signup

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) began January 10, 2011 and ends July 29, 2011. SURE provides benefits for 2008-2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters.

A farm enrolled in SURE may be eligible for benefits when either: farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that have incurred crop production and/or quality losses, and includes all crops grown by a producer nationwide except grazed crops OR any farm in which, for the crop year, the actual production of the farm because of disaster related conditions is 50% or less than normal production of the farm.

Please contact the FSA Office if you want to apply for a SURE payment.

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

USDA has an agreement with IRS to establish an electronic information exchange for verifying compliance with the AGI provisions for farm programs. This agreement ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill. Participants in CCC programs must submit form CCC-927 (Individuals) and/or CCC-928 (Legal Entities) to the Internal Revenue Service by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. These forms may be obtained from the FSA Office or online at:
<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

Dates to Remember	
May 31	Final date to report Wheat, Barley, and Oats acres
June 1	Final date to enroll in DCP & ACRE
July 29	Deadline for 2009 SURE Applications

Have A Great Day!