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Hours

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Like everyone else, we are seeing the affects of the budget crunch. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will not be sending out reminder postcards for program deadlines. Therefore you need to pay close attention to newsletters and consider signing up for e-mail or text alerts by giving us your e-mail address and/or cell phone number. June 1 is the deadline for signing up for 2011 DCP or ACRE . June 30 is the deadline for reporting planted wheat and oats. July 31 is the deadline for reporting all other crops. If you are done planting, come on in or call for an appointment. Be sure to report to us first and we will give you a printout to take to your crop insurance agent. We will do our best to serve you timely. *Bob Caldwell, CED*

DCP/ ACRE Signup & Advance Payments

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or ACRE will end **June 1, 2011**. All owners' signatures must be received by then as well. Advance payments of 22 % on the 2011 DCP program will be available as soon as all signatures of owners and operators on the farm are obtained. The rest will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified per their conservation plan. Producers are to notify the USDA Farm Service Agency prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance.

CRP FOOD PLOTS & MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: Be sure to contact our office when all required food plots and management practices are completed.



CROP REPORTING TIME

Due to the dry weather, many of you may be done planting your crops. If so, you might want to consider coming in or if you have several farms, calling for an appointment now, to beat the rush.

Be sure to bring planting dates as these are required as we load the acres planted.

Farming Operation Changes

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have added or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate.

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.



Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information.

Bank Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

Adjusted Gross Income Forms

Producers are reminded that they are annually required to certify to their Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on form CCC-926 each year. Also, new AGI forms (CCC-927 for individuals and CCC-928 for entity's) must be submitted to IRS by every producer earning benefits in 2011. It is the producer's responsibility to submit the applicable form to IRS.

Failure to do so will result in a non compliance determination for AGI and the loss of all USDA benefits.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Need additional storage capacity for your row crops or hay? You may want to check into a Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) with your local FSA office. The FSFL program allows producers to obtain low-interest fixed rate financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. At present, an eligible

producer could obtain up to a \$50K FSFL loan for 7 years at 2.875% fixed interest. For more info on FSFL's contact the office.

Protecting Your Privacy

If you are changing operators on your farm, you need to call our office with that information, so that when he or she comes into the office we can give them access to your records.

This also is important if you want realtors, insurance agents, or anyone else to have information about your operation. We want to provide the best service possible to everyone, but we are required by law to have your permission to give out records or even maps. If you give us a written authorization, you need to include who you want to have access and for how long of a time period.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Report Prevented Planting and Failed Acreage

It is important to report prevented planting and failed acres within 15 days after the final planting date for corn and beans. Failure to do so will may result in eligibility issues for SURE and ACRE programs. Final planting dates for corn and soybeans are 5/31 and 6/20, respectively.

SURE Signup (Crop Disaster)

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) ends **July 29, 2011**. SURE provides benefits for 2008 - 2011 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters for producers that meet the following requirements:

- At least one crop of economic significance suffers a 10% loss in revenue.
- All crops of economic significance were insured in 2009 at least at the CAT level.

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE	
		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		5. COUNTY	
		6. LAA	7. STATE
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i>		8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.			
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).	

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
- ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
- ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 8A & 8B** The nominator must sign and date. (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)
- ITEM 9** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

Dates to Remember

May 30	Office Closed – Memorial Day
May 31	Last Date of obtain CCC loan on corn and soybeans
June 1	DCP / ACRE Deadline
June 30	Deadline to report Wheat & Oats
July 31	Deadline to report all others crops

**Selected Interest Rates for
 May 2011**

Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.625%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.00%
Limited Resource Loans	5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7-yr.	2.875%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10-yr.	3.50%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12-yr.	3.875%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.25%

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The FSA-669A form on the previous page can be used to nominate an Andrew County producer for the Andrew County FSA Committee. The election in 2011 will be to elect someone from LAA #1 which includes Clay, Jackson, Lincoln and Nodaway Townships. Only producers living in these townships can be nominated, but anyone in the county can nominate. FSA encourages females and minorities to be included. The nomination period begins on June 15 and ends on August 1.

James Steeby is currently serving from this LAA, along with Karen Strasser from LAA #3 (Southeast) and Tommi Herbster from LAA #2 (Northeast). Members elected for a 3-year term, and can serve a maximum of 3 terms.

For more information, call us at 816-324-3196.

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