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### Waiting on a Farm Bill.....

*At this time we have not received information on the passage of a new farm bill. Watch future newsletters for additional information.*



## Farm Storage Facility Loans

Demand for low interest storage facility loans (3.0% for April) continues in the county offices. Loans are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities. The storage is for commodities including wheat, soybeans and corn.



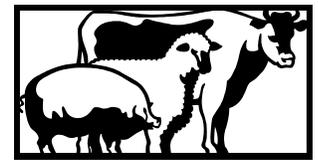
The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or to remodel existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-

limiting and other upright and bunker silo-type structures.

All FSFLs are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. For details, contact the county office staff.

## Livestock Producers (LCP and LIP)

Signup for the **Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)** resulting from the drought in 2005, 2006, and recently added 2007 continues. If you owned or cash leased eligible livestock on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2005 or 2006 or April 1, 2007 and suffered an eligible feed loss, you may be compensated. Eligible livestock include: Beef and Dairy Cattle, Buffalo, Beefalo, Sheep, Goats, Equine, Swine, Poultry, Deer and Elk. (Claimed livestock must be for commercial purposes in a farming operation to be considered eligible).



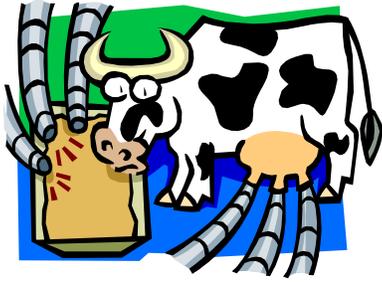
Producers that applied for 2005-2006 benefits prior to the end of January 2008 may need to check with their FSA office to see if they are eligible for additional benefits for cattle their owned as of 4/1/07 for 2007.

Signup is also continuing for the **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** for producers who lost livestock as a direct result of the winter storms in December 2006 and January 2007.

## Crop Reports

County offices are taking crop reports on planted acres. Producers may also report CRP and permanent pasture acres at this time. REMINDERS: Check planted acres and crop shares. Acreage, shares and farming entities should be consistent with crop insurance, and crop sales receipts. **When producers report differently than the way they actually operate, they may not be considered eligible for program benefits.**

## Sign-up for DDAP III Ends May 5th



Eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may apply to receive benefits, for any of these years, under the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III (DDAP-III). Producers can sign up at their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center **until May 5, 2008**.

Producers will need to provide to their local FSA office, the annual marketed production and average number of cows in the dairy herd for 2003 and 2004 to determine base production. To calculate the loss, FSA must also know the dairy's production and the average number of cows in the dairy herd for the applicable disaster years.

Losses will be calculated by comparing the expected base annual production (from 2003 and 2004) and the actual production during the applicable disaster claim year. FSA may adjust calculations when losses are not caused by disaster.

## Farm Producers, Landowners:

- ◆ Do you intend to clear timber areas to create or to expand existing crop areas?
- ◆ Are you converting a pasture field into a crop field?
- ◆ Are there any areas on your farm that you are considering cropping that have not been cropped in recent years?
- ◆ Is there a wet spot in a field that you want to drain to make cropping easier?
- ◆ Are you disturbing a wildlife habitat area of any type?
- ◆ Are you doing anything different on your farm this year?

These are highly erodible and wetlands provision questions that need to be answered by producers to assure that they remain eligible for USDA benefits. All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise when complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, changing a crop rotation, and changing or removing existing conservation practices.

It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying, tiling, draining, dredging, filling, or leveling any wetland or drainage ditch. Remember, failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations may result in loss of **all** Federal payments and eligibility.

## Same Name, Same Game?

It is important to conduct your farming business in the same manner as you report to the FSA Office. Some FSA programs require producers to provide production evidence, insurance statements, and other documentation for proof of operation. If the documents list a different name than what is in FSA records they may not be considered eligible for program participation.

## April Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 3.250 %
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 4.875%
- ◆ Limited Resource 5.00%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 4.00%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 3.00%
- ◆ Commodity Loans 2.625%

## Farm Record Changes

*If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at your local FSA office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.*

**If your legal status has changed from an individual to a trust or other entity such as a LLC, please provide the new tax ID names, numbers and a copy of written signature authority so payments can be correctly issued.**

For farm ownership changes, owners will need to provide a copy of the



recorded deed or land contract.



## SAFE (State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement) Projects Sign up Begins May 1

Owners and operators of certain cropland in designated geographic areas of Missouri may enroll eligible land into a new continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) practice titled State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE), also known as Practice CP38E, beginning May 1, 2008. USDA has approved three SAFE proposals in Missouri to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration. In District 5, the SAFE Project that is available to interested producers is the Bobwhite Quail Habitat Restoration.

Producers within Missouri's SAFE areas can submit offers to voluntarily enroll acres in CRP contracts for 14 to 15 years up to the state maximum of 6,250 acres for the Bobwhite Quail Restoration Project. Enrolled producers will receive annual CRP rental payments, incentive payments, and cost-share assistance to establish habitat.

Eligible acreage is cropland that was planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity during four of the six years from 1996 to 2001. The land must be physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Land designated as marginal pastureland does not qualify for SAFE.

Through SAFE, producers create a habitat that may involve planting shrubs, trees, grasses, and forbs species that help restore or improve wildlife habitat. This habitat is managed during the life of the contract by strip disking, spraying or burning.

Contact your local FSA office or find more information about SAFE online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Conservation Programs.

### Bank Account Updates?

Please notify your local office of any changes to your banking information. Changes in banks, account numbers and closed accounts result in delayed payments.

### CRP Program Participant Reminder Letter

CRP participants are reminded to report to their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) when there are any changes in the contract status, such as the transfer of ownership, or the death of any person on the contract.

The FSA office needs to be notified anytime there are changes to banking information for direct deposit payments, mailing address changes, land ownership changes--**including land transfers to living trusts, irrevocable trusts, etc.** to avoid unnecessary delays in program benefits or inaccurate payments

Estates of CRP participants need to contact their local FSA Service Center while the Estate is open to obtain and submit documents needed to ensure earned CRP payments can be issued. Representatives of deceased CRP participants must inform their local FSA Service Center by submitting one or more of the following applicable documents: copy of death certificate, copy of court appointment for estate, estate ID number, and or copy of deed transferring ownership to a survivor.

Failure to report these changes may result in ineligibility for CRP annual rental payments or termination of CRP contracts, which requires the refund of all payments received under the CRP contract including annual rental payments, cost share and incentive payments plus interest and liquidated damages. It is important that all CRP Contracts contain accurate information.

Please contact your FSA office if you have any questions regarding the terms and conditions of your CRP contract.



## District 5 Service Centers

### Michelle Motley District Director

Boone  
Kim Viers, CED  
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COC Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 8:30 am.

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Gasconade  
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Moniteau  
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410 West Buchanan  
California, MO 65018  
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COC Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. @ 9 am.

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COC Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. @ 8:30 am.

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St. Louis-3<sup>rd</sup> Thur. @ 9am

Warren  
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Check out the  
Livestock Disaster Programs!

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#### Dates to Remember

##### May 1

Sign up for Bobwhite Quail Restoration Acres Begins

##### May 5

(DDAP-III) Dairy Disaster Program ends

##### May 26

Memorial Day Holiday.

##### Offices Closed

##### May 31

Final Date to Request 2007-crop Corn, Soybeans, and Milo Loans or LDPs.

##### Ongoing

- ◆ **Reminder - Producers with a FSFL must purchase crop insurance.**
- ◆ **Update Farm Changes.**
- ◆ **CRP Continuous Signup.**
- ◆ **Acreage Reporting.**

- ◆ **Crop Disaster.**
- ◆ **Farm Facility Loans.**



## “Interest Assistance Program” —Can Help When Cash Flow is Short

FSA guaranteed loans are available to farmers who receive financing from conventional lenders. This allows them to obtain the agricultural financing they need to continue or expand their farming operations. One way the guaranteed program can really help farmers facing cash flow shortages due to the rising farm expenses is through the Interest Assistance Program.

This interest rate subsidy is paid by FSA to the lender and allows the farmer to reduce the interest rate charged on a short or intermediate Operating Loan by 4%. As an example, if the actual interest rate being charged on your loan is 8.5%, and you qualify for a guaranteed loan with Interest Assistance, the rate you would pay would be 4.5%.

The usual guaranteed fee charged for a guaranteed loan is **waived** for loans that qualify for Interest Assistance. The interest subsidy can be received for up to 5 years if you qualify. New purchases or refinancing of existing debt can be done using this program. The maximum loan allowed with interest assistance is \$400,000.

Contact your area Farm Loan Manager or your current agricultural lender for more information on the Interest Assistance program and the various ways the FSA guaranteed program can be a useful financing tool. More information can be found on the FSA website.

## Storm Damage Caused by Weather

With the beginning of spring, many weather related storms create damage to crop and pasture land. When damage becomes so catastrophic, the County Committee may request funds under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). By law the damage must be so severe that producers are unable to rehabilitate the land and bear the cost without Federal assistance. Eligible disasters are unusual and not the type that would recur frequently in the same area.



Although every storm doesn't result in severe damages, as natural disasters do occur in your area, please notify your county offices so the extent of the damages are known. Offices keep weekly record of rainfall and also report damage to crops, livestock and farm facilities.