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 COC meetings are scheduled
 for the 2nd Thursday of each
 month beginning at 9:00 am at
 the County Office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 15	Nominations open for COC
July 18	LCP and LIP signup ends
August 1	Nominations end for COC
August 15	Acreage Reporting Dead-
Today	Update FSA on any farm ownership or op-

Farm Service Agency

Lawrence County News

June 2008

County Committee Elections

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA

farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

This year, LAA 1, Red Oak, Vineyard, Mount Pleasant, Hoberg and Freistatt townships will be nominating and electing a representative to serve on the committee. Minorities and underserved producers are encouraged to participate.

Important Election Dates

- June 15, 2008:** Nomination period begins. Nomination forms are available on FSA's home-page as well as from our office.
- August 1, 2008:** Last day to file nomination forms.
- November 3, 2008:** Ballots mailed to voters.
- December 1, 2008:** Return voted ballots
- January 1, 2009:** Elected committee members and alternates take office.

LCP and LIP Signup Deadline Announced

Livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Sign-up began on Sept. 10, 2007, for the two programs that provide aid to live-

stock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or in-

creased feed costs because of a natural disaster. The LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster. Call today for an appointment to apply.

Crop Disaster Continues and Quality Loss Signup Begins Soon

Eligible farmers and producers who suffered crop loss damage between Jan. 1, 2005 and Dec. 31, 2007, can still apply to receive disaster assistance. Producers with FCIC coverage or NAP coverage may be

eligible for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

Signup for Quality losses under the CDP will begin soon at the county office. Producers do not need to qualify for a quantity loss

to be eligible for a quality loss payment. Quality loss participants will be required to provide actual production evidence. The actual production evidence will need to show the quantity, price AND quality factors.



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Acreage Reporting Deadline Extended

Acreage reporting deadlines have been extended until August 15, 2008 for all 2008 crops. Producers are required to file an FSA-578, *Report of Acreage*, certification for each farming interest for many programs, including DCP, CRP, and NAP. It is also very important that producers report crop losses, including those insured under Federal Crop Insur-

ance (FCIC) and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the date damage occurred or 15 days from the date damage is apparent. Losses and or damages to crops must be reported after each disaster occurrence and in a timely manner to insure continued eligibility for benefits. Producers are encouraged to visit the county office to

file the required FSA-578 certification report before the deadline. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. If producers miss the acreage reporting deadline date, a late filing fee will be charged.

CRP Hay and Grazing Critical Feed Provisions

CRP participants can request to use certain CRP acreage for critical feed use. CRP participants can use their own acreage for haying or grazing

or lease the privilege to other producers. Participants who choose this option will be required to pay a \$75 administrative. Eligible land may be hayed or

grazed beginning July 16 and all hay and livestock must be removed from the CRP acreage by November 10, 2008. Contact our office for further details

2008 Crop Marketing Loans and LDP's Available

As of June 5, 2008, FSA is authorized to accept requests for crop year 2008 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs)

and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs). The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, enacted on May 22, 2008, authorizes

MALs and LDPs for crop years 2008 through 2012. Contact our office for further details.