



District 8

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DCP Signup & Advance Payments

Enrollment for the 2011 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2011. Advance payments of 22 % on the 2011 DCP program will be available starting December 1, 2010. The remaining 78 % of your DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011.

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. DCP & ACRE contract signatures for enrollment are due by the **signup deadline of June 1, 2011**. For more information producers can contact their local FSA office.

County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to those elected or re-elected to represent farmers on the County Committee.

Below are those elected for a three year term and their respective counties:

Barry County-Ronald Campbell

Barton County-Gary Smith

Bates County-Paul Cumpton

Cass County-Trent Smith

Cedar County-Elizabeth Moreau

Dade County-Renae Brown

Hickory County-Robb Pitts

Jackson County-Greg Dieckmann

Jasper County-Cathy Stark

Lawrence County-Marilyn Calvin

Newton/McDonald County-LAA#2 Minnie Kelly,
LLA#4 Max W Lankford, LAA#5 Peter J Walters

St Clair County-LAA #2 Jayson Davis, LAA #3
Robert Truitt

Vernon County-Tim Forkner

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. County Committee's provide a vital role in overseeing of the administration of federal agriculture production, farm loan, conservation, price support and emergency programs on a local level.

County Committee Minority Advisors

FSA County Committee (COC) Advisors are a valued voice for the under-represented groups and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Eligibility requirements for COC advisor nominee include; be actively participating in farming or ranching in the county, be willing and able to serve as an advisor if appointed and indicate in writing their willingness and ability to serve. Advisors serve for 1 year.

IRS Form 1099-G

Producers annually receive CCC-1099-Gs detailing payments producers have received from the Commodity Credit Corporation. The annual report of program payments on CCC-1099-Gs is a service intended to help our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producers'

responsibilities to report income to IRS. FSA staff cannot interpret IRS regulations or advise producers about which payments to report on their income tax returns. However, county office staff can review payments for accuracy.

Reporting Farming Changes



If you have sold or bought land, changed the way you do business (formed or changed a trust, partnership, corporation etc.) or assumed operation of a new farm for 2011, please let us know so we can update our records to better serve you in the future.

We also need you to notify us of any address changes. Also, notifying us of banking changes will keep payments timely.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County Government offices, realtors, attorneys and other involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program allows participants to enroll acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. Continuous CRP program participation is voluntary. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment. For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments or local Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) availability, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/crpcont03.htm>

LDP Deadline on Unshorn Lamb Pelts

Eligible producers have until January 31, 2011, to apply for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for unshorn pelts produced during the 2010 crop year. Eligible producers must have beneficial interest in the pelts, owned the lamb for at least 30 calendar days before the date of slaughter and sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter. Producers must also comply with wetland conservation and highly erodible land conservation provisions on all lands they operate or in which they have an interest. To qualify for payment, pelts must have been produced by an eligible producer from live unshorn lambs of domestic origin in the United States.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The LIP is a program that pays per-head for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by an adverse weather event during the calendar year. Weather events include; floods, blizzards, wildfires, lightning, tornadoes, prolonged extreme heat or cold. Filing for LIP requires very specific documentation and data from livestock producers. Producer must file a notice of loss for each and every livestock death within 30 days of the date of death. This may be filed by phone, fax or email, as well as in person. With the notice of loss, the producer must report the exact cause of death, exact date and weather event, the livestock type and weight range, and the number of livestock on hand on the date of the weather event. Livestock producers must also provide required documentation of the cause, date and number of deaths. Check with your local FSA office for documentation requirements.

Commodity Loans

Commodity loans, also referred to as Marketing Assistance Loans, are available to producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest. Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity

certification. MAL loans are for 9 months.

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. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan. Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Beginning and Limited Resource Farmers

FSA assists beginning farmers and/ or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 % of the county's average size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit

www.fsa.usda.gov

Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse. There are exceptions to the rule, where spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents. For more clarification on spousal signature authority, feel free to contact your local FSA office.

HELC & WC Compliance

Producers are reminded of the importance of compliance with highly erodible land conservation (HELC) and wetland conservation (WC) provisions in order to remain eligible for USDA benefits. If producers plan to clear timber and plant an annually-tilled crop, they will need to complete an AD-1026 to have a Highly Erodible Land or Wetland Conservation determination. Producers who plan to plant an annually-till commodity that is currently in grass should check with their local FSA to be sure the field has an HEL determination.

Power of Attorney

Power of attorney forms (FSA-211) are available for those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, travel, etc. that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. Forms obtained and completed outside the USDA Service Center offices must be notarized. Check with your local FSA office to find out more.

Selected Interest Rates for

January 2011

Farm Operating Loans — Direct	1.75%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	4.50%
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.	2.5%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10-yr.	3.125%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12-yr.	3.375%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.25%

Dates to Remember

January 17	Martin Luther King, JR Birthday (observed)-FSA offices closed
February 21	George Washington Birthday (observed)-FSA offices Closed
January 31	2010 LDP Deadline on Unshorn Lamb Pelts
March 15	NAP closing date for many crops including pecans, hay and grazing
June 1	Annual DCP & ACRE contract signature deadline for 2011 year
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program.

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