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Platte County News

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Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007

Livestock Producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), which compensates producers for feed losses they incurred due to drought in 2005-2007.

Signup Deadline For 2005 Through 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Will End Close of Business July 18, 2008.

Crop Disaster Program (2005-2007)

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity losses from crops and crops prevented from being planted in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. To qualify for disaster payments producers are required to have either RMA or NAP insurance.

You may call the Platte County FSA Office at 307-322-4050 to set up an appointment to discuss eligibility.

Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline Reminder

Platte County FSA Office is taking Crop reports for the 2008 crop year. The crop reporting requirements and final reporting dates are applicable for the crop year 2008. The annual requirement of reporting to the FSA office can be referred to as crop reporting, acreage reporting, or crop certification. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from FSA programs. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. **Producers, FSA crop acreage report should match your FCIC crop acreage report.** Crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

Crop report form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers are required to file reports by **(July 1, 2008)** for all crops. **Late filed acreage reports, producers will be charged a minimum of (\$46) dollars per farm.** Producers, you will need to report acres for 2008 or forfeit CRP and or NAP payments.

Prevented Planting:

Prevented planting needs to be reported no later than **(15 Calendar Days)** after the final **Planting date.**

Failed Acreage:

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the County Committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

2008 Non-Insurable Assistance Program (NAP)

- 2008 Crop Reporting Date and 2007 Production Evidence Date **(July 1st, 2008)**
- Notice of Loss Must be reported 15 days after Disaster Occurred
- Application for payment should be completed promptly
- Production evidence for (APH) Actual Production History must be filed on or before **(July 1st, 2008)**

COC Election Nominations

From June 15th through August 1st, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Platte County Farm Service Agency County Committee. LAA 1 is up for election this year. LAA 1 covers from Highway 26 north passed Glendo to the county line north.

This is an important time for Local Administration Area communities, because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agriculture sector as a whole. For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers and ranchers manage tough financial times and natural disasters.

County committee members make many other important decisions that affect local farmers and ranchers, such as whether haying and grazing should be allowed on Conservation Reserve Program land. Talk to a county committee member or the County Executive Director for details on the types of decisions county committee members make.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the Platte County FSA Office staff or visit the website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications.elections> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

Remember, the nomination period runs June 15 through Aug. 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3. Dec 1 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan 1, 2009.

Sign-Up is Underway for 2008 Conservation Programs

Applications are being accepted for a number of programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habit Incentives Program (WHIP), the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Programs are all open for application. Applications on hand through June 30, 2008, will be considered in the next round of funding. Applications received after July 1, 2008, will be deferred and held for consideration at a future date. Please contact the NRCS Office at 307-322-9060 if you are interested in more information on any of these programs.

Continuous CRP Signup

Producers may sign up for Continuous CRP. This provision provides producers and landowners with management flexibility when planning conservation enhancements to their farming operation. The purpose of the program is to enhance the ecosystem of the water body, improve habitat for aquatic organisms, habitat for wildlife, restore cover along river and creek banks and to protect the surface water. For further information you may contact the FSA office.

Voluntary Modifications of CRP Contract for Critical Feed Use

On May 27, 2008, USDA announced that certain acreage enrolled in CRP would be available for hay and forage after the ending of the primary nesting season. Beginning June 2, 2008, CRP participants may request to voluntarily modify CRP contracts for critical feed use, such as haying and grazing.

Modified Conservation Plan

CRP participants that request to hay or graze as a critical feed use must obtain a modified conservation plan from NRCS or TSP to provide for haying or grazing in a manner that is consistent with the conservation goals of CRP.

Administration Fee

Participants requesting to modify the CRP contract for critical feed use will be required to pay an administrative fee of \$75 before COC approval of CRP-1M Addendum.

LDP and Commodity Loan Deadlines- March 31 & May 31

The deadline for requesting a Loan or LDP for 2008 crop year wheat, barley, and oats is **March 31, 2009.**

The deadline for requesting a Loan or LDP for 2008 crop year corn, grain sorghum is **May 31st, 2009.**

The deadline for requesting a Loan or LDP for 2008 crop year wool, mohair, unshorn pelts is **January 31st, 2009.**

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 Platte County FSA office staff directly or by phone at (307) 322-4050.

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) can make direct and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family size farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan Manager or Officer for more details and assistance in applying.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 15, Aug 1	Nominations for County Committee
June 30	Conservation Programs Application deadline (NRCS)
July 1	Crop Report Deadline for all crops and for NAP crops
July 1	Final Day for NAP 2007 production evidence for APH
July 4th	Office Close For Fourth of July Independence Day
Aug 1 st	Last day to hand in county committee nominations
Aug 1st	Final Date for request a Reconstitution
Sept 1 st	Office Closed for Labor Day
Continues	Continuous CRP
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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