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Platte County News



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DCP/ACRE Signup Continues

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Acreage Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Programs have been extended until **August 14, 2009**. **The August 14, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.**

Annual Crop Reports

Platte County is taking annual crop reports. Reports to include DCP, CRP, NAP, Price Support to include LDP and MAL's, Disaster Program Payments. Deadline to report acreages on all crops has **been extended to August 14th, 2009**.

Also applicable to crop reporting are: Failed acreage-must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting-must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP Production Reporting

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. . We recommend producers submit 2009 production records as soon as harvest is complete. **All 2009 production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date of July 1st 2010.**

Timely Filing of Loss

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on for **ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES**. For

losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Continuous CRP Available

At this time USDA has no general signups scheduled for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in 2009. However Continuous CRP will still be eligible for enrollment. These Targeted programs remain funded, and continue to provide a heightened environment benefit on select areas.

Weeds must be Controlled on CRP ACRES

Just a reminder, weeds on CRP need to be controlled. The Platte County Weed and Pest is working closely with the Farm Service Agency to assist producers in making them aware of the weed conditions on their CRP. Producers may submit to the FSA County office receipts for or billing statements of the completion of the spraying on your property.

Youth Loans

FSA makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA, and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization's adviser, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

COC Elections Nominations

Producers in LAA 2 will be nominating eligible peers as candidates for election to the Platte County Farm Service Agency County Committee. LAA 2 covers from Highway 26 T 25 N to T 21 N to include the Wheatland Flats.

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted June 15 Through August 3, 2009. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on August 3, or postmarked by midnight August 3, 2009.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, and must be returned to the

county office by the close of business on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 7, 2009.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
 - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
 - Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
 - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local county office staff.

New FSA Livestock Indemnity Program

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program. This assistance program is contained in the 2008 Farm Bill. Farm Service Agency administers this program for livestock producers as a safety net to help them overcome the damaging financial impact of natural disasters.

The livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides financial assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster. LIP compensates livestock owner and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, certain diseases, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan 1, 2008, and before Oct 1, 2011. Note that drought is not a qualifying event.

Producers who are eligible and have suffered losses as a result of the above events may contact the Platte County Office for more information on the program.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1 st Last day to apply for Reconstitution	
August 3 rd Last Day for FSA-669A's	August 3 rd last day to submit FSA-669's COC nomination form.
August 14, 2009	DCP Signup Deadline
August 14, 2009	Acre Signup Deadline
September 7 th Labor Day Office Closed	Platte County Office will be Closed on September 7 th Labor Day Holiday
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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