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Platte County News

2009 County Committee Election



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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
Britt Wilson
Ruthie Cundall
David Hinman
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Staff
Mike Hoffland DD
Dixie Mount FLO
Rick Carroll CED
Celia Herman PT
Mitzi Mudgett PT
Joni Reyes PT



Platte County election for the 2009 year covers LAA-2 which covers parts of Townships 21-25. Currently, David Hinman is the representative in this area. David will be running again for this position. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 6. Instructions for voting will be included. December 7th is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Ballots will be counted on December 10th. Please take time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2010.

Crop Insurance Deadlines

Just a reminder that the deadline to purchase coverage for 2010 winter wheat and forage production will be September 30, 2009. Deadline to purchase 2010 Crop Insurance for spring seeded crops is March 15, 2010.

Bank Account Changes

Our current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. If you have made an account change or bank change you will need to notify the Platte County FSA of that change so that your payments will be transferred to the correct account with the correct routing numbers. FSA in October will be issuing DCP/CRP payments please let us know if you have made any changes.

Notice to CRP Managed Haying/Grazing Producers

If you are a producer who has either hayed or grazed your CRP under managed haying or grazing please be reminded of the following deadlines: Haying must be completed by October 13th, 2009 and all hay must be removed from the field(s) by October 13th, 2009. Grazing is permitted through September 30th, 2009 or when the adequate stubble height is met according to your grazing plan.

Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from a disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Application for Payment
Calendar 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2009
July 13, 2009 to Dec 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

You as a producer may qualify for benefits under LIP, and you may contact the Platte County FSA office to fill out an application. The Deadline for filing losses prior to July 12, 2009 is September 13, 2009

Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occurred when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop.

The application deadline for the 2010 NAP coverage on fall seeded and perennial crops are December 1st, 2009.

NAP Production Reporting

PRODUCERS WITH NAP COVERAGE MUST REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- TIMELY FILE ACREAGE REPORTS AND KEEP TRACK OF HARVESTED PRODUCTION SUCH AS WEIGHT TICKETS, BALE COUNTS ETC.
- FILE A 'NOTICE OF LOSS' ON (FORM CCC-576) WITHIN 15 DAYS OF WHEN THE LOSS WAS APPARENT, DUE TO DROUGHT, HAIL, ETC.

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.**

Commodity Loans and LDP's

The 2009 commodity loan rates for Platte County are:

- Wheat-HRS \$3.13/Bu.
- Wheat-HRW \$2.43/Bu.
- Corn \$2.02/Bu.
- Barley \$1.80/Bu.
- Oats \$1.30/Bu.

Eligible producers of these crops may obtain a loan of Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) from FSA. The producer must have **beneficial interest** in order to receive a loan/LDP. Beneficial interest means the grower has (1) control of the commodity, and (2) title to the commodity.

Farm Stored Loan: A applicant can request either a paid for measured loan or certify the quantity. In either case, a loan for up to 100% production can be made. The commodity must be stored in a structure that can be safely measured and inspected, and be structurally sound. It is the barrowers responsibility to assure the commodity is in good condition and continues to remain so.

Loan Maturity Date: Loans will mature on the last day of the 9th month following application

Loan Service Fees: Fees are the smaller of ½ of 1% times the gross loan amount, or \$45/loan plus \$3.00 for each bin.

Interest Rates: Commodity loans will carry the interest rate of the month in which the loan is disbursed through December 31st, of each year, at which time the rate will change to the January rate.

Liens: If any liens on the commodity exist, we require that the lien holder complete a lien waiver form before the loan is issued. CCC requires first lien on any commodity put under loan.

Repayments: Repayments can be made any time after the loan is dispersed. On farm-stored loans, any quantity can be paid off. At the time of repayment, the borrower will pay the lesser of (1) principle plus accrued interest, or (2) the applicable day's Posted County Price (PCP) times the loan quantity. The PCP will be the lower of the average market price of the last 30-days, or the average market price of the last 5-days. If the PCP is used for repayment, it is referred to as a Market Loan Repayment (MLR) and is only available through the maturity date of the loan.

Loan Deficiency Payment: A LDP is a payment made to an eligible producer who agrees to forego a loan in return for a direct payment. In order for a LDP to apply, the applicable PCP (lower of the 30-day average or the 5-day average) must be below the loan rate for the applicable commodity. FSA currently uses the CCC-633-EZ form for all LDP purposes. It's a one size fits all form you can fill out to indicate your intention to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest. The same form is then used to submit a request for an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before of after losing beneficial interest.

Application Deadlines: The deadline to apply for either a 2009 loan or LDP is:

Wheat, Barley, Oats	March 31, 2010
Corn	May 31, 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7 th Labor Day Office Closed	Platte County Office will be Closed on September 7 th Labor Day Holiday
September 13th	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss Final Date to Submit an Application for Livestock Indemnity Program for 2008 Calendar Year
September 13	Final Date to File Notice of Loss for January 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009 Final Date to Submit an Application January 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31,2009	Final Date to File Notice of Loss 30 days after death is apparent. Final Date to Submit an Application Jan. 30, 2010
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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