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COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING: Rhonda Lewis, Farm Loan Mgr.
Second Thursday of each Month OFFICE HOURS: 7:00 am to 4:30 pm



IMPORTANT DATES

August 31, Signup for Emergency Conservation Program ends.
Sept. 1, Emergency Grazing of CRP ends.
Sept. 1, deadline for late DCP signup.
October 25, Managed Haying & Grazing ends.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM (Fire Damaged Fences)

Union County has been approved to implement the Emergency Conservation Program. Under this program eligible producers who suffered damage to fencing during any of the fires this spring may be eligible for assistance. Any producer who incurred fire damage to fences should come by the FSA office for more information. Signup ends August 31.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (mid contract management)

Producers with expiring CRP contracts who were eligible for reenrollment and chose this option, will now be required to perform a mid management practice on the acreage under contract. Producers will be able to choose the practice they want to use from the following list. (Inter-seeding, prescribed burning, mowing, managed grazing, pest management, brush management) The practice must be completed by the end of year 8. All acreage under the CRP contract must have the practice performed on it 1 time, not to exceed 75% of the contract acreage in a single year.

(EXAMPLE)

Producer has 100 acres under CRP contract. Producer chooses to graze 75 acres year 2 of the contract and graze the remaining 25 acres year 4.

2006 UNION COUNTY LOAN RATES

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| Wheat | 2.77 |
| Corn | 2.19 |
| Grain Sorghum | 3.62 |
| Oats | 1.40 |
| Soybeans | 4.63 |
| Sunflowers | 8.71 |

REMOVING CCC COLLATERAL

If you have a Marketing Assistance Loan for grain, it cannot be moved without prior authorization on form CCC 681. Unauthorized disposition is considered a violation and is subject to monetary penalties.

OFFICE HOURS

Please be advised that FSA programs hours of operation are 7:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

DCP

The deadline for late signup of DCP acreage is Sept. 1. If you have DCP base acres that have not been signed up, come by the FSA office and signup. Late filed fees will apply.

NRCS WINDBREAK TREES REMINDER

In recent years the use of water-harvesting, weed-barrier fabric has increased significantly with the planting of windbreak trees. The use of fabric greatly improves tree survival and growth and is a recommended practice for windbreaks. However, there is a precaution that should be observed with the use of fabric. Generally, a cut is made in the fabric just large enough for the tree to be inserted and the tree is planted through the cut. As the tree grows and its trunk increases in diameter, the fabric can begin to constrict growth at the base, inhibiting water and nutrient flow, which may kill the tree. Everyone with trees planted through weed-barrier fabric should check their trees periodically to see if the fabric is becoming tight. To solve the problem enlarge the cut enough to allow for trunk expansion. If you have any questions, contact the Northeastern Soil and Water Conservation District in Clayton, or call 374-9461 ext. 3

SPOUSE SIGNATURES

Husbands and wives may sign documents one behalf of one another as individuals 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 by either spouse.

2006 PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

Program and payment limitations for the 2006 fiscal year:

- DCP Direct Payment- \$40,000 DCP Counter Cyclical Payment-\$65,000
- Market Gains from Loans and LDP - \$75,000
- CRP Payments - \$50,000 Non-Insured Assistance Program Payments - \$100,000

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