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# Adair County News

## Adair County USDA Service Center

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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
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Burrel Harris  
Frank Collop  
Rosena Davison

County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each  
month

**Staff**  
Program Techs  
Penny Boulware  
Margaret Bunch  
Barb Snyder  
Jennifer Triplett

County Executive Director  
Philip Ayers

Farm Loan Manager  
Curt Corbett



## 2007 Disaster Assistance

On May 25, 2007, the President signed an appropriation act that will soon provide disaster relief for many farmers and ranchers.

The disaster programs made available by Secretarial or Presidential designation include: Crop Disaster Program (CDP) and Livestock Compensation Program (LCP).

### The Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

- Covers quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or in the case of prevented planting would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007.
- Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 must choose only **one year** to receive benefits.
- Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops if the losses occurred in the same crop year.
- Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for assistance.
- Quantity losses must be in excess of 35 percent to be eligible. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price.
- Payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a **quality loss**; of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss.
- The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss.
- Assistance, along with crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of total value of the crop absent the disaster

The 2007 Act also provides, among other things, the continuation of MILCX program benefits through September 30, 2007.

The Farm Service Agency's Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.

The details of the Livestock **Compensation Program (LCP)** have not been worked out at this time. Our office will send out more information at a later date.

## Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the Farm Service Agency county office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

## Maturing Commodity Loans

This is a reminder that commodity loans on farm stored corn and soybeans may mature in August and September. Take a moment to inspect the condition of the grain during this weather pattern of humid air and fluctuating temperatures.

Don't forget, grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan cannot be removed without prior authorization or repayment. Unauthorized removal, which includes removal for cleaning for seed or planting, is a violation and is subject to monetary and administrative penalties.

Your loans are subject to spot check. Determined shortages must be repaid with principal plus interest, and additional monetary penalties plus loss of future loan eligibility may apply. Producers planning to remove or clean CCC loan grain should contact the county office staff for additional information.

## Preventing Fraud

The Farm Service Agency has joined with the Risk Management Agency to prevent fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance

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Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA office, or the Office of the Inspector General

## **CREP**

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a spin off of the Conservation Reserve Program that allows farmers and ranchers to voluntarily idle environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat and safeguard ground and surface water.

CREP is a partnership with federal and state government and is limited to specific geographic areas. The Salt River watershed is an approved CREP area.

Like CRP, CREP contracts require a 10- to 15-year commitment to keep lands out of agricultural production. CREP provides annual rental rate payments to participants who enroll eligible land. There are also maintenance payments, cost-share of up to 50 percent on practices installed, and other sign-up incentives for participants to incorporate select combinations of environmentally beneficial practices.

Land must be owned or leased for at least one year prior to enrollment to be eligible, and must be physically and legally capable of being cropped in a normal manner.

The acreage must also meet cropping history and other eligibility requirements. Enrollment is conducted on a continuous basis, permitting farmers and ranchers to join the program at any time rather than waiting for specific sign-up periods.

For details about CREP contact the county office, or go online at:  
[http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/state\\_updates.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/state_updates.htm).

## **e-Forms**

Producers with Internet access can fill out and print a variety of FSA paper forms at home.

Producers are encouraged to register for secure electronic access that will allow you to e-file (electronically sign and transmit) some forms directly to the county office staff.

To sign and transmit forms electronically, you must sign up and get a user name and password. To sign up in person, visit the county office and complete form AD-2016. The staff will verify your identity and enter your information into the system. You will receive a letter with your temporary ID. You will be sent a second letter with your temporary password and instructions on how to activate your account. You then go to the Activation Web site and select a permanent ID and password.

Submitting an e-Form is convenient. You can access information anytime day or night seven days a week. It's also faster. Forms and applications can be submitted and received in the county office in a matter of minutes, not days or weeks.

## **COST SHARE SIGN-UP**

Sign-up for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) will begin September 10, 2007 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Kirksville. Cost share funds will be available for practices such as Pasture Improvement, Prescribed Grazing, Nutrient Management, Terraces and many more. Sign-up will end October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Contact the NRCS office in Kirksville for more information 660-665-3274.

## **Rural Development News**

USDA Rural Development can assist in building stronger, more vibrant rural communities.

This can be accomplished through Rural Development's Guaranteed Community Facility Loan program. We can help community facilities such as health care clinics, police and fire stations and schools which are essential to the quality of life in rural communities.

Rural Development can work with local lenders, mortgage companies, and various other lending institutions to offer loan guarantees to help build our community facilities.

Some of the benefits are:

- Up to a 90% guarantee on the loan amount
- Eligible entities are municipalities, counties, other public subdivisions as well as special-purpose districts and nonprofit organizations
- Flexible terms and interest rates as determined by the lender
- Customer is able to obtain timelier financing of project, thereby reducing inflationary increases in cost
- Lender can offer better terms to customer, especially when loan is sold on secondary market

This is just another tool that can be used to help build our communities as well as providing better services.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this program further, please feel free to call USDA Rural Development at 660-665-3274 ext. 4.

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# ***Open House***

***Margaret Bunch is retiring  
with 24 years of service  
to the ASCS/Farm Service Agency!***

***Where: Adair County FSA Office***

***When: Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>***

***Time: 1 pm to 3 pm***

***Come join us to wish Margaret farewell  
and a happy retirement!***



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## Beginning Farmers & Ranchers

Are you a farmer or rancher who has substantially participated in the farming operation for no more than 10 years? If so, you may qualify for beginning farmer targeted loan funds with the Farm Service Agency.

The program is designed to assist these farmers by providing direct and guaranteed loans when they are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources.

If you believe this program could be of benefit to you, please contact the county office for more information. FSA loan officials will be happy to arrange an appointment to meet with you and discuss your options.

### Dates to Remember

Sept. 30	Final date for 2006 DCP contract revisions.
October 13	Deadline for Haying CRP
November 12	Deadline for Grazing CRP

## Controlled Substance

Program participants convicted under federal or state law of planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits. If convicted of one of these offenses, the program participant shall be ineligible during that crop year and the four succeeding crop years for direct and counter-cyclical payments, price support loans, loan deficiency payments, market loan gains, storage payments, farm facility loans, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments or disaster payments.

### Selected Interest Rates for August 2007

90-Day Treasury Bill	4.75%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5.5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.625%
Limited Resource	5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans	5%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6%

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