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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
Burrel Harris
David Kittle
Frank Collop
Rosena Davison

County Committee meets
1st Wednesday of each
month

Staff
Program Technicians
Penny Boulware
Margaret Bunch
Barb Snyder
Jennifer Triplett

County Executive Director
Philip Ayers

Farm Loan Manager
Curt Corbett

1099-G Mailed from Kansas City

During the last week of January, producers who have received payments from FSA in 2006 should have received a CCC-1099-G from the Kansas City office. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to you in calendar year 2006. The CCC-1099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099-G, we recommend that you check the amounts shown with those in your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds are no longer reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-FI) web-based database.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G refund information, you may contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data. If you choose to visit the office, bring your CCC-1099-G with you.

County Committee Advisors

FSA County Committee (COC) Advisors are a valued voice for under represented groups and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

County committee members and their county executive directors, actively reach out to producer groups who are under represented on county committees. The COC has to submit the name of their nominee to the State Committee for confirmation, no later than February 1 of each year.

Eligibility requirements for COC advisor nominee include:

- be actively participating in farming or ranching in the county or area
- be willing and able to serve as an advisor, if appointed
- indicate in writing a willingness and ability to serve

County committee advisors serve:

- for a 12-month period not to exceed 9 consecutive years beginning March 1 each year

Rosena Davison is the current advisor and has been re-nominated for 2007.

County Committee Meetings

The Adair County Farm Service Agency committee meets once a month. The committee has established 1:00 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month as its regular meeting time and the Adair County FSA office as its meeting place.

We will post a notice on the county office bulletin board if the committee must reschedule the time or place of its next meeting.

County committee members are:
Chairman David Kittle, representing LAA3.
Frank Collop, representing LAA1
Burrel Harris, representing LAA2

End of Year Reviews

All member information (CCC-501s) and payment eligibility (CCC-502s) are subject to spot check through our end-of-year review process. If selected for a review, producers will be asked to submit proof of their contribution to the operation such as seed, fertilizer and chemical bills, land lease agreements, land contracts or property tax payments, equipment

lists, cancelled checks for paid labor or hired management, and any other items the FSA County Committee determine are necessary.

The producer is required to provide these items for the review so that the FSA county committee can make a determination that the farming operation is actually being performed as was stated on the applicable CCC-501 or CCC-502 that was originally completed.

Conservation Compliance

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops, and changing or removing existing conservation practices.

It is very important that you contact our office before modifying (tiling, draining, dredging, filling, or leveling) any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.

What is Continuous CRP?

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program allows participants to voluntarily enroll acreage in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. The new Mark Twain watershed CREP is under this type of signup.

Eligible landowners enter into 10- to 15-year contracts in return for receiving annual rental, maintenance, incentives and cost share payments.

To be eligible, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. If eligibility requirements are met, the Farm Service Agency will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year.

For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments, please contact your county office.

NAP Coverage Deadline

March 15 is the deadline date for producers to apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP, coverage using Form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, and pay the service fee at the county office.

The service fee is \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$900 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties.

To qualify, a producer must be a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop.

Annual DCP Signup Underway

Signup for the annual Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program has begun and the deadline to enroll is June 1st. A 22% advance payment can be requested at the time of signup with the remaining 78% being paid in October. All supporting documents must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports must be filed by July 31, 2007.

Updated Eligibility Forms

In order to receive payments from our office, producers are required to complete certain payment eligibility forms. Our office will be obtaining new eligibility forms to determine payment limitation and eligibility for the 2007 crop year. When coming into the office to signup into any of our farm programs please allow some time to complete extra forms regarding your farming operation.

Wool & Mohair Loans or LDPs

Wool and mohair producers will find applying for commodity loans and loan deficiency payments for the wool, mohair and unshorn pelts a little simpler this year thanks to the Farm Service Agency's new CCC-633 EZ form.

The EZ form will take the place of the older CCC-633 PELT and CCC-709 PELT forms. Page one of the EZ form takes the place of the 709 PELT form and indicates the producer's intention to receive LDP benefits later on. It's important to complete EZ page one before los-

ing beneficial interest in the commodity.

Producers should complete page one of the EZ form as soon as possible for their current crop year wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. After page one is completed, producers can request benefits at any time during the period that loans or LDPs are available, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Bank Account Changes?

As of Jan. 1, 1999, all Farm Service Agency payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our program.

Direct and Guaranteed Loans Available

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are available now.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Loan funds are available now — applying early is important so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.

FSA employees will help you complete the

necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Agricultural Resource Management Survey

Financial FACTS for agriculture's future

Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey and let the financial facts be known for agriculture's policies and programs.



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Upcoming Contractor's Workshop

The Adair and Macon County Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be sponsoring a Contractor's Workshop on Thursday, March 1, 2007. This workshop will be held at the new Missouri Department of Conservation building located at 3500 South Baltimore Street (directly across the entrance of Days Inn Hotel) in Kirksville. The purpose of the workshop is to update contractors on current Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policy, precedent, and information. The agenda for this workshop will include a surveying demonstration, top soiling info, safety concerns and SWCD updates.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 23, 2007, to confirm your attendance at (660)665-3274 ext. 3. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 with the meeting beginning around 10 a.m. Lunch will be served around noon with the meeting concluding around 2 p.m. **All contractors who work for landowners on cost share funded projects are urged to attend this workshop.**

**Selected Interest Rates for
 December 2006**

90-Day Treasury Bill	5%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.125%
Limited Resource Loans	5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans	%
Sugar Storage Facility Loans	%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	%

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Dates to Remember

Feb 19	Office Closed – Washington’s Birthday
March 15	NAP sales closing date
March 15	Deadline for prescribed burning warm season grasses/CRP
March 31	Deadline to obtain a wheat or oat loan
March 15 thru April 30	Dates for prescribed burning or chemical burning cool season grasses on CRP
May 31	Deadline to obtain a corn, soybean, or grain sorghum loan
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Grasslands Reserve Program

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