



June 2006

# Adair County News

**Adair County  
USDA Service Center**

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**County Committee**  
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Rosena Davison

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

**Staff**  
Program Technicians  
Penny Boulware  
Margaret Bunch  
Cindy Daniels  
Barb Snyder

**County Executive Director**  
Philip Ayers

**Farm Loan Manager**  
Curt Corbett

## ***Make a Difference***

From June 15 through Aug. 1, farmers and ranchers in Clay, Salt River, and Wilson townships can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Adair County Farm Service Agency county committee.

County committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers and ranchers weather tough financial times and natural disasters.

County committee members make many other important decisions that affect local farmers and ranchers.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

Remember, the nomination period runs June 15 through Aug. 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3. Dec. 4 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2007.

Make a Difference: Nominate and Vote!

## ***CRP Compliance Review***

This office is required to check 100% of the CRP contracts which are to be re-enrolled or extended. In Adair County, this will mean checking approximately 450 contracts. Have patience, we will get to your contract as soon as

possible. Eligibility determinations include erosion problems (ditches), noxious weed infestations (teasel), poor stands of desired seeding, and weed and brush infestations that competes with the desired seeding.

## ***2008-2010 CRP Contracts***

If you have a Conservation Reserve Program contract that expires in 2008, 2009 or 2010, you should have received a letter from the county office explaining your options to re-enroll or extend your contract. To take advantage of the offer, you must respond by the close of business on June 30, otherwise your contract will expire on its stated date.

If you have any questions, contact the county office staff for detailed information today.

## ***Haying, Grazing CRP Acres***

Haying or grazing Conservation Reserve Program acres may be permitted, but you need prior approval from the county committee, and you must have an approved plan. Acres may be hayed or grazed once every three years, and a 25 percent payment reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed.

Haying and grazing is not authorized during the primary nesting and brood-rearing season, which for Adair County ends July 15.

## ***Acreage Reporting***

The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.



To be timely, you must file an FSA-578 by **June 30 for wheat and oats; and July 31 for corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and CRP.**

We will accept crop certifications from farm operators, farm owners, persons authorized by power of attorney and tenants and sharecroppers, for which they have a share.

### **Requesting LDPs for 2006**

To request 2006 crop loan deficiency payments, you must use the CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request.

#### **Remember!**

- The next time you're in the county office, please verify that you have signed and submitted page 1 of the CCC-633 EZ.

**Page 1** – Producer's *intention to request* LDPs in the future.

- Must be signed before beneficial interest is lost.
- Terms and conditions for requesting LDPs.
- Covers all farms and all eligible crops in all counties.
- Submit one to the county office staff. Remind staff of other counties where you have farming interest.
- This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.
- Contact our office for details.
- Form can be found at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>.
- FSA Web site for price supports is <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/default.htm>.

### **Preventing Fraud, Waste**

The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance 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 or the Office of the Inspector General.

### **Signing for Entities**

In simpler times, when a producer visited the county office to sign a form there was no question about how to sign. The producer simply signed his or her name on the dotted line.

In today's world of "entities" — trusts, limited liability companies, cooperatives, partnerships and corporations — signing Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation forms isn't so simple.

First, you have to have a document on file at the county office saying you're authorized to sign for the entity. It could be a copy of the articles of partnership or articles of corporation or a valid power of attorney.

Second, you have to know how you're supposed to sign. In almost all instances, when you're signing for an entity, your signature has to include "by" or "for," indicating you're signing in a representative capacity.

For example, say you have a partnership, the John R. Smith & Sons Partnership, and you're authorized to sign for the partnership. Acceptable signatures include "by George C. Smith"; "by George C. Smith, Partner"; and "John R. Smith & Sons Partnership, by George C. Smith, Partner."

Remember, if you've established an entity for your operation, you can no longer sign forms and contracts as yourself. When you have signing authority for an entity, you have to sign forms on behalf of the entity, not yourself.

If you have questions about the proper way to sign forms and contracts for your entity, contact the county office staff. We can review the records and help determine the acceptable signature for your situation.



<b>Selected Interest Rates for June 2006</b>	
90-Day Treasury Bill	4.625%
Farm Operating - Direct	5.375%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.500%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	5.000%
Sugar Storage Facility	5.250%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6.000%
Tobacco (TTPP) Discount Rate	10.000%

## **Adair County SWCD News**

The Adair County Soil & Water Conservation District held their Landowner Appreciation Day and Supervisor Elections on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Doug Hamilton was elected to fill the vacancy in Area 1 (Morrow, Ninevah and Polk) and we want to welcome him to the board. The 2007 Supervisors are: Ron Weber, Bob Jackson, John Robinson, Doug Hamilton and Jennifer Schutter. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Landowner Appreciation Day and voted in the election.

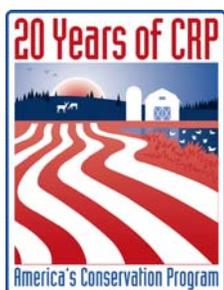
### **Youth Project Loans**

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office. We'll help prepare and process the application forms and answer any questions you may have about the program. Remember, FSA is an equal opportunity lender.



Dates to Remember	
June 30	Final certification date to report wheat and oats.
June 30	Final date to respond to REX offer for 2008-2010 CRP contracts.
July 4	Independence Day Holiday. FSA offices closed.
July 31	Final certification date to report corn, soybeans, grain sorghum and CRP.
August 1	Deadline to submit COC nomination forms
August 1	Final date to request farm reconstitution for current fiscal year.

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