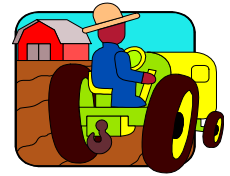




ATCHISON COUNTY FSA BULLETIN



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DISASTER PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – This program provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by eligible natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Applications must be accompanied by documents showing evidence of loss, current physical location of livestock in inventory, and the location of livestock at the time of death.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed/pasture losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from eligible natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. In Atchison County eligible livestock includes dairy and beef cattle among other livestock that were physically located in Atchison County on January 1, 2006, and have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation. An eligible producer must have owned or cash-leased the eligible livestock, and suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased feed stuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster condition. The feed lost, or additional incurred feed cost must have been intended for use with the eligible livestock.

How to apply: To apply for LCP, you will need to provide our office with the following information:
1) Location of the eligible livestock on January 1,

2006. 2) Certify the number of head of each category at that location on January 1, 2006. 3) Certify the location of the herd today. 4) Identify the location of pasture grazed during the 2006 grazing period. 5) Certify the percent of grazing loss incurred on the pasture during the grazing period. 6) Certify cause of grazing loss. 7) Provide our office with a written cash pasture lease, or have the pasture owner sign a statement to the terms of your cash pasture lease.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) – CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005 and 2006 and for 2007 crops if the crop was 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 as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. Our office has received a download of crop loss data from RMA (the crop insurance people) identifying producers who received indemnity payments for the loss years. Contact our office to apply.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots were recently counted for the election held in local administrative area #3 (LAA#3). This LAA takes in all of Atchison County that is located in townships Shannon, Mt Pleasant, and Walnut. The term for this year's election begins on January 1, 2008 and continues for three consecutive years. James Hale was re-elected for another term. The Atchison County FSA Committee is made up of three elected farmers, and one State Committee appointed advisor. The current members are Eric Noll (LAA#1), Doug Schrader (LAA#2), and James Hale (LAA#3). The current Advisor to the committee is JoAnn Murray.

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2007 COMMODITY LOANS

Nine-month commodity loans may be obtained by placing the eligible commodity in approved:

- Farm storage, and either requesting a measurement service or certifying the loan quantity on CCC-666.
- Warehouse storage, and obtain a loan on 100 percent of the net quantity on the warehouse receipt.

A lien search, including Federal and State tax liens, will be performed in the Secretary of State's office for all loans after the loan request is filed and before the loan can be approved. The producer must obtain all necessary lien waivers (CCC-679) before the loan can be disbursed.

The county loan rate will be:

- If farm stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for applicable discounts.
- If warehouse stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for premiums and discounts. For warehouse loans, storage must be prepaid for the term of the loan.

Interest is based on the interest rate announced by Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for the month in which the loan is disbursed plus one percent, and is adjusted January 1 based on the interest rate announced for January by CCC, plus one percent. For December, the loan interest rate is 4.75%.

Kansas assessment fees are deducted from the loan if applicable. A loan service fee of \$45 is deducted from the loan proceeds at disbursement. The deadline to request loan on wheat and oats is March 31, 2008. The deadline to request loan on corn, soybeans or grain sorghum is May 30, 2008.

2007 COMMODITY LOAN RATES – ATCHISON COUNTY



Corn \$2.01/bu;
Grain Sorghum \$3.53/cwt;
Soybeans \$4.96/bu;
Wheat \$3.17/bu;
Oats \$1.34/bu

REMINDERS:

- Spouses can sign FSA forms on behalf of each other unless a written denial has been placed on file with the office.
- Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land, must report such holdings to FSA within 90 days of purchase to avoid penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property.
- FSA programs are available to everyone. People with disabilities that require special accommodations at the FSA office should contact Rick Abel, CED, at 913-833-5460.
- Funds are still available for construction of Farm Storage Facility Loans. These are 7-year loans with annual installments required. The December interest rate is 4.125%. Contact the FSA office for more information.

FSA Website -- For FSA forms, and the latest on FSA programs, try www.fsa.usda.gov.

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