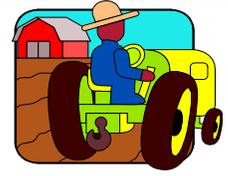




# USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY BULLETIN



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**July, 2006**  
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County Committee Meetings: Leavenworth-Wyandotte – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month; Atchison – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month

## FSA DEADLINES APPROACH



**DCP Enrollment:** Producers who failed to meet the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to file a DCP contract have until **September 30<sup>th</sup>** to late file and pay a \$100 per farm to be eligible for this program. After September 30<sup>th</sup>, the option to participate for 2006 is no longer available. Remember that this is a contract that must be signed every year. The fact that you may have signed this contract for 2005, does not meet the requirement for the 2006 contract.



**Acreage Reporting Deadline:** **August 1** is the deadline to report your 2006 cropland acreages of corn, soybeans, alfalfa, grain sorghum, CRP and other land uses. This also includes any double cropping of these commodities. You will need to identify the field, planting date, intended use of the crop, and shares when reporting your acres. Please call the FSA office to make an appointment to certify all acreages on your farms. All crop acres are required to be reported on farms that are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), or produce a commodity for which a Loan Deficiency Payment or Marketing Assistance Loan may be requested.

## LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP'S)

Producers need to be aware that the only form applicable for all LDP's in 2006 crop year and subsequent years is the CCC-633EZ. **The CCC-633EZ Page 1 must be filed before beneficial interest is lost.** Beneficial interest is lost when the crop is sold, fed, delivered to fill a contract, delivered to feedlot, or otherwise disposed of. All producers that have a share in the crop need a separate Page 1 signed and on file in our office. If you have not signed a CCC-633EZ and receive a share in the crop, please contact our office before harvest.

Once Page 1 is signed there are various options to apply for a LDP payment with Page 2. **There must be a Page 1 on file before Page 2 can be submitted for a**

**payment request.** You may choose to file a Page 2 after the beneficial interest has been lost (sold) and receive the LDP rate on the date interest was lost. Another option; if the commodity has been harvested and in storage (beneficial interest has not been lost), then you may choose the day you file a Page 2 and receive the LDP rate on the date



Page 2 was signed and requested. The last option is the delivery date option. This allows you to request the LDP rate on the day the commodity was delivered whether it be stored or sold. Both Page 1 and Page 2 must be completed before harvest starts for this option. Contact the FSA Office for more details.

## 2006 COMMODITY LOAN RATES

County	Corn	Soybeans	Milo	Wheat
Atchison	\$2.02	\$4.97	\$3.48cwt	\$3.05
Leavenworth	2.04	5.12	3.58	3.17
Wyandotte	2.07	5.14	3.48	3.20

## CRP ACREAGE MAINTENANCE

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining the cover of all CRP acreage in accordance with the written conservation plan of operations. In most all cases, this means that there must be a good stand of the introduced grass, weeds and noxious weeds must not be allowed to produce seed, and brush/trees must be prevented from establishing in the CRP fields. Other concerns include correcting areas where ditches have formed, eliminating travel across CRP that may be causing damage to the grass and leaving the traveled area open to erosion, and maintaining structural practices such as terraces and waterways that may be working in conjunction with the grass stand to prevent erosion. Recent field reviews have shown that brush

invasion on CRP is the most prevalent problem in the county. Smaller brush can be controlled through timely burning of the CRP acreage, or with chemical application. Larger brush must be removed by hand and cannot be left lay on CRP, or pushed into piles on CRP. Keep in mind that the primary nesting season for birds began on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and will run through July 15<sup>th</sup>. Corrective action needed after establishment of grass should not take place within the nesting period unless written authorization is provided by this office. Failure to adhere to conservation plan requirements of your CRP contract will result in annual payment reductions, and in more severe cases, termination of the contract with refund of all previously earned rental payments, cost-share, interest and liquidated damages.

### REMINDERS\*\*



- Husbands and wives can sign most USDA documents on their spouse's behalf unless a written denial has been placed on file with the FSA office.
- Special accommodations can be made for producers with a handicap, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, by contacting Rick Abel, CED, at 913-833-5460, or 913-682-1085.
- Foreign Investors must report holdings of agricultural land in the U.S. within 90 days from purchase date to avoid assessment of penalties. Foreign investors in Atchison, Leavenworth or Wyandotte County, should contact the county office to complete the appropriate filings.
- The FSA Office will be closed on September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.
- Final payments under the DCP program will be paid in October 2006.
- Nominations for the County Committee Election will be accepted through **August 1, 2006**. Nomination forms (FSA-669A) are available at the county office, or on the web at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections).
- Changes to your farming operation need to be reported as quickly as possible after the change. This ensures that you do not become out of compliance and remain eligible for program payments through our office. All changes in ownership, shares, cropland, operator or tenant's shares need to be reported to our office immediately.

**FSA Website** -- For FSA forms, and the latest on FSA programs, try [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).