



Butler County News

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Farm Storage Facility Loan Program Changes

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

Effective August 17, 2009, producers may begin submitting FSFL applications under the new provisions provided in FSFL regulations found at 7CFR Part 1436.

Major changes to the FSFL Program are as follows:

- Adds eligible FSFL commodities as follows: *fruit/nuts & vegetable cold storage facilities
***hay & renewable biomass**
- Adds FSFL terms of 10 & 12 years
- Authorizes 1 partial disbursement
- Increases the maximum FSFL amount to \$500,000 per FSFL
- Increases the FSFL application fee to \$100/ eligible borrower. FSFL terms are 7, 10 or 12 years.

To be eligible for FSFL, the borrower **MUST:**

- Be a producer of a facility loan commodity
- Demonstrate a need for increased storage capacity
- Show the ability to repay FSFL through the financial analysis process
- Meet all other eligibility requirements

Multi peril crop insurance or **NAP** is **REQUIRED** on all:

- Commodities stored in the FSFL-funded facility, whether economically significant or not.
- Insurable facility loan commodities of economic significance on all farms operated by the borrower in the county where the storage facility is located.



Changing Banks

If you have changed accounts or banking institutions, please notify this office so we can update our files to insure uninterrupted service of your direct deposited farm program payments.

Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 14, 2009	Sept. 14, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 14, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

Succession in Interest

If you have made any changes that affect your interest in base acres since you signed your last Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program contract, you must report these **successions-in-interest** to the county committee by Sept. 30, so that a final determination can be made on who is eligible for the program payments on the farm.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

- A sale of land
- A change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- A foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm.
- A change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

If a succession-in-interest has taken place, you, as the "predecessor," are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the "successor."

Not reporting a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality, and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

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

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)

SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster. SURE is the 2008 Farm Bill's successor to the prior Ad Hoc Crop Disaster Programs. Unlike the prior USDA Disaster Programs, SURE is legislated through 2011. For SURE program purposes, a "farm" refers to all acreage in all counties that is planted or intended to be planted to crops that are for sale by the producer, and all hay crops.

For a producer to be eligible for the SURE Program, **all** of the farming operation's crops (planted or intended) that are of economic significance must be covered by either federal Crop Insurance (CI) or FSA's Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage. Statute does not require coverage for grazed crops for SURE.

Dates to Remember	
Sept 7	Office Closed – Labor Day
Sept. 14	File notice of loss and application for payment for 2008 Livestock Indemnity Program Losses
Sept 14	File notice of loss for Jan. 1, 2009 through July 12, 2009 Livestock Indemnity Program losses.
Oct 12	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve program Farm Storage Facility Loans Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans Youth Loans Milk Income Loss Contract Program Notice of Loss for Livestock Indemnity Program

WEBSITES

FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA - www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA - www.usda.gov
 Obtain a Level 2 e-Authentication Account - www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

Foreign Landowner Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of US agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

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