



## COWLEY COUNTY FSA

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### HOURS:

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Staff meetings-Tuesdays at 7:30 A.M

### County Committee:

Wayne Whitehill, Chairperson  
David Bowman, Vice  
Chairperson  
J.O. Brown, Regular Member  
Junea Lawrence, Advisor through  
February 2007  
Kristin McFarland, Advisor effective  
March 2007

Meetings- 2nd Tuesday of every Month

### Staff:

Pamala Bain, PT  
Jaimie Bannister, Chief PT  
Nick Bergkamp, Loan Officer  
Susan Long, PT  
Joshua Hagenmaier, Loan  
Officer Trainee  
Barbara Hrencher, PT  
Bonnie Miller, PT  
Vickie Thiel, PT

### Loan Manager:

Gary Nuss

### Executive Director:

Sean Rafferty

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Farm Service Agency

# COWLEY COUNTY FSA FARMLINE

February 2007

## 2007 DCP SIGN-UP IS UNDERWAY!!

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program is currently available. Farms must be annually enrolled into a DCP contract if benefits are desired. To timely enroll, a CCC-509 contract must be submitted with signatures from both owners and operators sharing in payments by June 1, 2007. Contracts with signatures obtained by the county office after June 1, 2007, but before Sept 30, 2007, are considered timely filed, but will be assessed a late-file sign-up charge of \$100/farm.

Available to participating producers are two types of DCP payments for all covered commodities including soybeans and other oilseeds; however, only those producers sharing in the risk of producing a crop are eligible for DCP benefits

Direct Payment rates are fixed for the years 2002-2007. This benefit is computed by multiplying 85% of the farm base by the farm yield, times the applicable rate listed in the table below:

Crop in bushels	Total DCP rate	Advance DCP rate
Barley	\$0.24	\$0.0528
Corn	\$0.28	\$0.0616
Cotton	\$.0667	\$0.014674
Milo	\$0.35	\$0.077
Oats	\$0.024	\$0.00528
Soybeans	\$0.44	\$0.0968
Wheat	\$0.52	\$0.1144

Counter-Cyclical Payments are similar to the old deficiency payment system that used a Target Price. These benefits will be calculated by subtracting the direct payment rate, AND the higher of the loan rate, OR twelve month average market price, from the Target Price. These final payment rates are not determined until 12 months following normal crop harvest date.

Producers who elect to receive 22% of their direct payment in advance may choose any month beginning with December 2006, and then receive their final balance DCP payment in October of 2007. If advance payments are not desired, then the entire DCP payment shall be issued in October of 2007. With either payment option, participants can be assured that the entire DCP payment will be timely dispersed, but only after the

CCC-509 contract(s) is/are returned to the office complete with the original signatures.



### APPOINTMENTS Please

Your time is valuable. Appointments should increase staff efficiency and save you time. Most of the staff resources will be devoted to serving producers with scheduled appointments. As a result, the number of staff devoted to walk-in customers will be limited and you may be asked to schedule an appointment to avoid lengthy waits.

Please call 620-221-2060 to schedule an appointment.

### ELECTION RESULTS



Eligible voters in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2, comprised of Vernon, Beaver, Bolton, Creswell, and most of Pleasant Valley townships elected J.O. Brown to a three year term as their representative. Welcome aboard J.O!!

### COWLEY 2006 LOAN RATES

Commodity	Loan Rate
Corn \$/bu	2.08
Grain Sorg \$/cwt	3.43
Oats \$/bu	1.34
Soybeans \$/bu	4.91
Wheat-HR \$/bu	2.81

### CRP Maintenance



This spring, the FSA office will be conducting its annual CRP spot checks. Please check your CRP fields. If you find nondescript trees growing on your CRP acres, please have them removed.

CRP Maintenance continued...

Producers listed on a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract are responsible for maintenance, partially defined as controlling trees and noxious weeds, are paid an annual maintenance fee to perform such duties. Nondescript growing trees, either discovered or reported, may result in a noncompliance issue, or even worse, make the contract subject to possible termination. Please feel free to contact the office if/when you have any maintenance questions or concerns, as they pertain to both CRP and DCP acres.



Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, vision, or hearing impaired person upon request. If accommodation is required, please call Sean M Rafferty, CED at (620) 221-2060.

## Signing for Entities

In a simpler time, 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 — John Q. Public or Jane Q. Public — 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 any more.

First, you have to have a document on file with the county office that says you are 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 are supposed to sign. In almost all instances, when you are signing for an entity, your signature has to include "by" or "for" indicating you are signing in a representative capacity.

Signing for Entities continued...

For example, say you have a partnership, the John R. Smith & Sons Partnership, and you are 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.

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**Low interest** FSA farm loans are available, while funds last, at interest rates between 3.75% and 5.25%. Use the funds to refinance debt, purchase land, equipment and livestock, or for help with annual operating expenses with no money down. Special opportunities are also available for beginning farmers. If interested please contact Gary Nuss or Nick Bergkamp at 620-221-2060

### Selected Interest Rates for January 2007

Farm Operating - Direct	5.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.25%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	4.625%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	5.750%



### Cowley County Conservation District Annual Meeting

The annual Cowley County Conservation District meeting will be held on February 13, 2007. Reservations are required and may be made through February 6<sup>th</sup> by calling 620-221-2060, ext# 3.