

# DECATUR COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

April 2010

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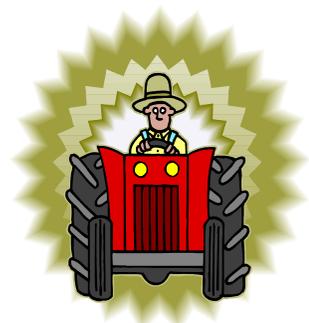
## County Committee Meeting Times

The Decatur County Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM, in the Decatur County USDA Service Center Conference Room.



## Special Accommodations

For individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, we will make special accommodations upon request. If special accommodations are required, please contact the FSA office and we will make any arrangements that are needed.



## Rural Youth 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 agricultural groups. 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.

### Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer 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 for help preparing and processing the application forms.

## Comment Period for Proposed Change in County Committee Local Administrative Areas

A review of the Local Administrative Areas (LAA's) used for County Committee elections was completed recently by the county committee. It was decided that a change needed to be completed to ensure equitable representation of producer's between LAA's. Proposed areas are:

- Area 1 – Finley, Beaver, Logan, Liberty, Sappa, Oberlin, Bassetville, and Cook townships
- Area 2 – Sherman, Harlan, Grant, Olive, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Center, Altory, Garfield, and Pleasant Valley townships
- Area 3 – Summitt, Custer, Jennings, Prairie Dog, Dresden, Lyon and Allison townships

Producers wanting to comment on the proposed change must notify the county office by April 15, 2010.

Finley	Beaver	Sherman	Harlan	Grant
Logan	Liberty	Olive	Roosevelt	Lincoln
Sappa	Oberlin	Center	Altory	Garfield
Bassetville	Summitt	Custer	Jennings	Pleasant Valley
Cook	Prairie Dog	Dresden	Lyon	Allison

## Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. It has been calculated that having a problem with a payment is 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit. Another benefit is that Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

## Disclosure to IRS

Compliance with the average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations is an eligibility requirement to receive payments and benefits under many of the programs administered by FSA and NRCS. The review and verification of AGI compliance certifications submitted by program participants is required to ensure the accuracy of payment and the integrity of these programs.

FSA and IRS have finalized a data-sharing process for average AGI compliance and verification. IRS will report the results of this process to FSA on a regular basis. FSA will use this information to determine whether a program participant complies with the average AGI limitations, or if further review is required.

The average AGI verification and data comparison processes begin with participants providing consent to IRS for the use and disclosure of tax information to FSA for AGI compliance purposes. All producers receiving program payments in 2009 or 2010 must submit a CCC-927 for individuals or a CCC-928 for entities to IRS by June 15, 2010 to remain eligible for the 2009 and 2010 payments. You may obtain these forms at the local FSA Office or online at <http://fsaintranet.sc.egov.usda.gov/fsa/> (public forms site).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER	
<b>May 31</b>	Final Date to report small grain acreages
<b>June 1</b>	Final Date to enroll into DCP/ACRE
<b>June 15</b>	Final date to provide CCC-927 and/or CCC-928 to IRS to remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments
<b>Continues</b>	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program enrollment

## 2010 Crop Acreage Reporting



Producers are reminded that several programs administered thru USDA require an annual acreage report to be eligible for program payments. Our office has begun taking appointments to complete the 2010 crop year acreages.

The deadline to report small grains and alfalfa acreage is MAY 31, 2010.

The final date to report the balance of your acreage including corn, grain sorghum, feed, sunflowers, fallow and CRP is August 1, 2010.

Producers that have a NAP policy must report those acreages 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing.



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