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# GOVE County FSA

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USDA Service Center

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Gaye Wilson, Member

County Committee meets  
4th Wednesday of the  
month @ 9:00a.m.

Office Staff:  
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## Farm Reconstitutions

**FSA** recons farms to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, sometimes a farm recon is necessary. The recon is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

**REMEMBER**, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **AUGUST 1** for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE).

**NOTE:** if DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the recon will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

## 2010 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 DCP has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. The Gove County FSA Office is using the appointment basis again. Some of you have been scheduled already for appointments and if you haven't, please be watching your mail for your appointment card or letter.

USDA computes DCP program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA has been issuing advance direct payments since December 1, 2009. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

## COC Election Results

Gaye Wilson was elected to the Gove County Committee for a three year term beginning January 1, 2010, for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2. This is the middle 1/3 of Gove County.

Gaye received 60 votes in the election.

The COC meets once a month to review and approve program applications, handle appeals, monitor emergency and disaster situations, and see programs are administered fairly to all county producers.

## 2009 Commodity Loans

Commodity loans are available for some crops, both farm-stored grain and warehouse certificates. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to request Wheat, Barley, and Oats loans and May 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day for corn, milo, and soybeans.

2009 Loan Rates for GOVE County are as follows:

Wheat	\$2.54/bu
Corn	\$2.01/bu
Milo	\$3.24/cwt
Barley	\$1.85/bu
Oats	\$1.37/bu
Soybeans	\$4.73/bu
Sunflowers	\$10.02/cwt

We have the best interest rates in the credit industry at 1.375% for February.

## Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youth (10 to 20 yrs. old) to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FSA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operate 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 \$5,000.

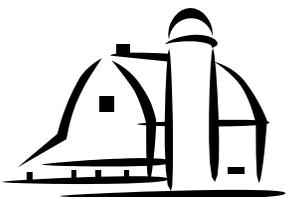
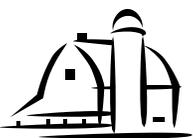
## New Disaster Program

Signup began 1-4-2010 for the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program. Gove County is eligible for losses incurred in 2008.

You must have at least a 10% production loss on a crop of economic significance on all farms in which you had an interest nationwide. You must have had crop insurance on all insurable crops of economic significance, and for non-insurable crops, you must have had coverage under the FSA Noninsurable Crop Assistance Program (NAP). Producers could get a waiver of this requirement through a buy in provision. The insurance requirement does not apply to socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmers.

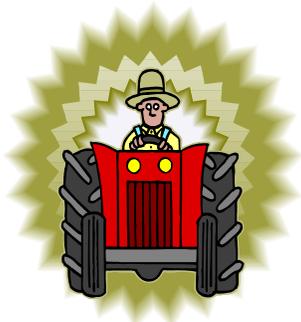
## Direct & Guaranteed Loans

FSA also offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.



## Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL)

Producers may request loans to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities at the FSA office. These FSFL loans have a 7, 10, or 12 year term with annual payments amortized over the term of the loan. Interest rates are fixed and will vary depending on the term of the loan. If interested, contact the office for more information. Interest rates for February are: 7 yrs -3.250%; 10 yrs – 3.750%; 12 yrs – 4.000%. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85% of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment.



## FSA Signature Authority

Using the correct signature when doing business with FSA can save time and prevent a delay in program benefits. The following are FSA signature guidelines:

- Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for most FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office.
- Spouses may only sign loan documents on behalf of each other if there is a Power of Attorney on file.
- Spouses shall not sign on behalf of each other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, or other similar entities.

For additional clarification on proper signatures, contact the Gove County FSA Office.

## Protecting FSA Customer Privacy

Section 1619 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill), which took effect on May 22, 2008, prohibits release of information provided to FSA by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in order to participate in an FSA program. In addition, it also prohibits release of information concerning the agricultural operation (including production and marketing of agricultural commodities and livestock), farming or conservation practices, or the land itself. Program participants who intend for their personal records or information to be released to a third-party must consent to release of the specific information, in writing.

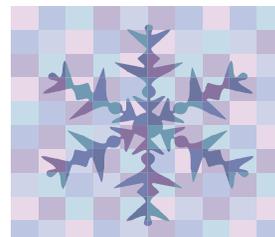


## Direct Deposit/Changing Banks

Most of the FSA 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 is 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.

## Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, the vision impaired or the hearing impaired. If accommodations are required, please contact John Moorhous, CED at 785-938-2270.



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