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HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. MT

COUNTY COMMITTEE
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COMMITTEE MEETS
2ND WEDNESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 8:00 AM

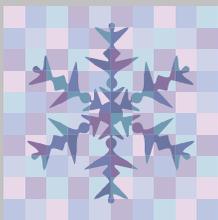
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THE SHERMAN COUNTY
USDA STAFF WOULD LIKE
TO WISH YOU AND YOUR
FAMILIES A MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!



2010 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. If you haven't made an appointment, please call (785-899-3070) and schedule a time that is convenient for you. We are also taking acreage reports of your Wheat, Barley, and Oats planted acreages. Have your plant dates and producer shares ready.

If you have bought/sold land; are taking on new land; are giving up rented land; are forming or dissolving an entity (Trust, LLC, Corporation, Partnership, etc.), please report these changes immediately, and we will update your Payment Eligibility forms. A copy of the recorded deed is necessary to report changes of land ownership. Failure to update these records with FSA, can result in your not being eligible for program benefits.

ACRE



The optional Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For 2010, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

June 1, 2010 is the deadline for enrolling in DCP and/or ACRE. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.



Supplemental Disaster Assistance Programs

The 2008 Farm Bill created five new disaster programs, collectively referred to as Supplemental Agriculture Disaster Assistance programs. These programs include:

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP)

To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops under SURE, TAP, and ELAP.

In the 2008 Farm Bill; in general, the term "farm" means the sum of all crop acreage in all counties that is planted or intended to be planted for harvest by the eligible producer.

Producers who meet the definition of a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource Producer, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher, do not have to meet this risk management purchase requirement.



Dates to Remember

Jan 1	New Years Day – Office Closed
Jan 1	NAP application closing date for certain crops
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed
Jan 30	Final date to file notice of loss and application for payment under Livestock Indemnity Program for losses after July 14, 2009. Final date to file application for payment for 2008 or 2009 eligible grazing losses.
January 31	Final date to request Loan Deficiency Payments on 2009 wool, mohair or unshorn pelts.
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

Unauthorized Disposition of Loaned Grain!

If loan grain has been disposed of through feeding, selling or any other form of disposal without prior written authorization from the county office staff, it is considered unauthorized disposition. The financial penalties for unauthorized dispositions are severe and a producers name will be placed on a loan violation list for a two-year period. Always call the office before any grain under loan is moved, fed, or sold.

Selling Land

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

Payments

Producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. Advance direct payments may be issued as early as Dec. 1, 2009. The final direct payments will be issued in October 2010. 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.



December Interest Rates:

Farm Stored Facility Loan Interest Rate
2.375%
Commodity Loan Interest Rate
1.375%

Please contact our office for more information about our loan programs.



WEBSITES



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



Don't forget to report your wheat, oats, and small grain acreages to our office by June 1, 2010, OR, if you're grazing NAP (Non-Insured Assistance Program) acreage, we need it certified at least 15 days before you turn livestock out.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Producers may pledge their farm or warehouse stored grain, as security for a low interest loan. Loans may be repaid any time during the loan term. Loans mature the last day of the ninth month following the month the loan is disbursed. Loans disbursed in December 2009 mature Sept. 30, 2010. The Dec. 2009 interest rate is 1.375%. Sherman County Loan rates are: Wheat \$2.52/bu; Corn \$1.96/bu; Milo \$3.19/cwt; Soybeans \$4.70/bu; and Sunflowers \$10.20/cwt.



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