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COC Mtg. 2nd Thursday of the Month

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FSA-www.fsa.usda.gov
FSA Forms-www.sc.egov.usda.gov
NRCS-www.nrcs.usda.gov

DCP and ACRE Signup – The 2010 DCP and ACRE Program Signup runs through June 1, 2010. Late filing is not an option. Advance payments of 22% are available. Contact your local FSA office to schedule an appointment to sign into the program.

2010 ACREAGE Certification – You may certify 2010 fall seeded crops, alfalfa, and grass at this time. The final date to certify the crops is June 1, 2010. Producers may stop in to obtain maps if they prefer to draw their fields outside the office. Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop.

CRP General Signup Expected this Summer

USDA Officials expect a general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup to take place this summer. At this time local FSA offices have no further information regarding the signup.

Early Land Preparation – Recent policy states that “If early land preparation activity is performed on expiring CRP acreage, the land is not eligible to be offered for the anticipated fiscal year 2010 CRP General signup”. Producers need to decide whether they plan to early destroy expiring CRP cover or leave the cover as it is and apply for the anticipated General CRP signup.

Jewell County FSA News

Nominations Accepted for County FSA Committee

Jewell County producers may nominate a candidate for the next County FSA Committee (COC) Election beginning June 15, 2010. Producers in area LAA-2 townships (Harrison, Holmwood, Limestone, Center, Washington, Calvin, and Browns Creek) are eligible candidates for election. Beverly Porter of Browns Creek township currently represents this area. Beverly will be completing her second 3 year term.

The final date to submit nominations will be August 2, 2010. Ballots for COC election will be sent to eligible voters November 5, 2010.

Documenting Livestock Death Losses for Livestock Indemnity (LIP)

The (LIP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality as a result of adverse weather. Eligible disaster conditions include blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Producers will need to provide documentation detailing the proof of death to indicate that the livestock deaths are a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. It will also be necessary for producers to provide documents detailing the quantity and kind of livestock that died as a result of the adverse weather event. Documentation may include, but is not limited to the following: bank or other loan documents, FEMA records, tax records, National Guard records, private insurance documents, production records, property tax records, purchase receipts, rendering truck receipts, veterinarian records, and written contracts.

In the event verifiable documentation is not available, producers will be required to present reliable records documenting the proof of death along with verifiable beginning and ending livestock inventory.

Options for Expiring CRP Contracts

Options for expiring CRP contracts include the following. Producers must file a request for these options in our office prior to activity.

Managed haying and grazing is an option the final year unless the early land destruction options are taken.

Early Land Release in which a producer may begin **physically** destroying the cover as of July 1. Once a producer signs up for early land destruction of the cover, they may not back out. The area destroyed must be planted to a fall seeded crop this fall. This crop may not be planted prior to September 1. If the cover is mechanically destroyed managed haying or grazing is not an option.

Early Land Release in which a producer may begin **chemically** destroying the cover as of July 15 in preparation for a spring seeded crop. No other means of activity may be applied until after October 1, once the CRP-1 Contract expires. Destruction of the CRP cover by any other means is not permitted until after contract expiration. If the cover is chemically destroyed managed haying and grazing is not an option.

After September 30 of the year of CRP Contract expiration a producer may treat the land as they want. Any producer in a farm program is required to maintain and follow a conservation plan on all their cropped acreage. If you have expiring CRP acreage and you are in other farm programs you will need to update your conservation plan for the CRP expiring cropland acreage at the local NRCS office.

Credit Outreach Initiative for American Indians

American Indians in Kansas can contact Willeen Whipple-Johnson, Outreach Liaison with the American Indian Credit Outreach Initiative at 1-866-587-9300 to fully utilize credit opportunities available with FSA. Obtain more information on the web at www.indiancreditoutreach.com.

Farm Loans Available

FSA offers direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit, and who meet other regulatory criteria. Loans up to \$5,000 are available to rural youth 10-20 years of age to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and similar organizations. Emergency loans are available to help cover production and physical losses in counties declared disaster areas by the President, or designated as such by the Secretary of Agriculture or the FSA Administrator.

2010 Commodity Loan Rates

Wheat	\$2.77	Corn	\$1.97	Sorghum	\$3.25 cwt.
Soybeans	\$4.84	Sunflowers	\$10.34 cwt.	Oats	\$1.43
Barley	\$1.85	Dry Peas	\$5.20 cwt.		

The final date to request a 2009 sorghum, corn, soybean, or sunflower loan is June 1, 2010.

2010 Commodity loans are available on farm stored or warehouse stored commodities. The loan may be repaid at the Posted County Price –or- principal plus interest. A Lien Search will be conducted prior to issuance of the loan. The loan service fee is the higher of \$45 per request on the first bin or warehouse receipt plus \$3 for each additional bin or receipt –or- one half of one percent times the gross amount.

If prices should fall the LDP will kick in:
CCC-633EZ, is the form that would apply. In most instances the CCC-633EZ for 2010 crops was completed during DCP signup. The LDP price is locked-in the day the commodity is sold or the day you request the lock-in be applied.

Wool and Mohair producers may be eligible for LDP. Producers must be certain “Beneficial Interest” is not lost prior to filing for LDP.

Reminders

- June 1 – Final date to sign into the 2010 ACRE and/or DCP Farm Program.
- June 1 – Final date to provide 2010 fall seeded crops and alfalfa certified acreage.
- July 15 – County FSA Committee nomination begins.
- FSA Commodity Loan Interest Rate is 1.5%, Farm Stored Facility 3.25%

Crop Losses Including NAP Crops

Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on all crops including grasses. For “failed acreage” on insurable crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, soybeans, etc.); producers need to file a notice of loss when the acreage fails, you do not plan to take the crop to harvest, and the acreage will be cropped as another purpose during the same crop year. Notice of loss is to be filed within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. For losses on crops covered by the NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) you must file a “Notice of Loss” in our office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Dual Purpose Sorghum Varieties

Certain forage sorghum varieties considered “dual purpose” are eligible as grain sorghum for acreage credit and LDP benefit based on yield of comparable sorghum in the area. A listing of varieties is available in the FSA office. When certifying the acreage of the crop you would need to provide proof of the variety planted.

Sodbuster Regulations

Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands that converted native vegetation such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after December 23, 1985. Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in Farm Service Agency programs. Before producers clear, break, or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

Deadline for 2010 Farm Reconstitution

Producers wanting to reconstitute a farm and be in the 2010 Farm program must file the request by June 1, 2010. The final date for FSA to accept a 2010 farm reconstitution for farm combination or division with DCP base acres or to protect base acres under a CRP contract is August 1, 2010.

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