



Clay County FSA

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Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Committee

Dennis McKale
William Lee
William Lenhart
Mary Ann Fowles, Advisor
(Committee meets at 9:00 a.m.
on the 1st Wed. of the Month)

Staff

Jeanie Fengel, PT
Pam Knitter, PT
Judy Williams, PT
Jericho Hammond, PT
Dewey Adams, FA
Dale Schadel, COT
LuAnn Callan, CED



DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18- Office closed holiday

February 3- COC meeting

February 15 -Office closed holiday

March 3- COC meeting

**March 31- Last day to apply for
wheat loan**

January 2010

County Director somewhere in the state. Dale is from Lane County Kansas.

Clay County FSA News

FSA Committee Election Results

The Clay County FSA committee election ballots were counted at the regular meeting on December 10, 2009. Dennis McKale was reelected to a second three year term. The organizational meeting was held on January 6, 2010 with Dennis McKale selected as Chairman, and Bill Lee as Vice Chairman. Bill Lenhart will serve as regular member and Mary Ann Fowles will serve as Advisor. The Farm Service Agency is committed to fully disclosing business to its producer customers. In accordance with this commitment FSA has started a policy of providing the minutes of the regular session County Committee meeting to its customers. A copy of these minutes will be available for producers to review in the waiting area at the Clay County FSA office.

Employee Training in Office

Dale Schadel is a County Operations Trainee (COT) and will be training in the Clay County office until April. Dale was previously in the Kearny County office for three months. He will continue his training after Clay County in other parts of the state. Upon completing the 12 month training Dale will be eligible to become a

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification

Beginning in January 2010, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide producers with consent forms which will need to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The consent form will authorize the IRS to release information to USDA for 2009 and 2010 AGI compliance purposes. Two consent forms, one for individuals (CCC-927) and one for legal entities (CCC-928) will be used. Producers may obtain the forms either on line or from the local Service Center. USDA Service Centers will not accept or retain the completed consent forms. Producers will mail consent forms directly to the IRS. The deadline for producers to submit the form is June 15, 2010. These consent forms must be submitted in order for the producers to remain eligible for USDA payments.

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Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

SURE Signup

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program signup began on January 4, 2010. While Clay County has not received a disaster declaration or is contiguous to such a county, producers in the county may still be eligible. If a producer has production that is 50% or less of their normal production which is measured by overall revenue of the farming operation then they may be eligible for SURE. The other requirement is all economically significant crops the producer has an interest in must have been insured or have had a loss protection through the NAP program.

Exceptions to this requirement apply if the producer is a beginning farmer, is a limited resource farmer, is socially disadvantaged, or paid buy-in fees by September 16, 2008. All eligible causes of loss for SURE payments must be the result of a natural disaster. Eligible producers will receive payments in the amount of 60% of the difference between a calculated SURE guarantee and the calculated Total Farm Revenue. If you had a crop loss in 2008 and think you may be eligible for SURE payment, please contact the Clay County Office and set up an appointment to file an application.

2010 Signup and Certification

The Clay County FSA office is currently taking appointments for signing DCP, DCP-ACRE contracts, and certifying wheat acreage. The signup period goes through to June 1, 2010. At the time of signup producers may elect to receive advance payments on their contracts. The advance payment amount is 22% which is the same as last year. Producers should also remember that any changes to their operation or any updates to their farm records should be reported as soon as possible. This will enable the FSA staff to process payments as quickly as possible. With the inclement weather conditions producers are encouraged to make appointments and call or contact the office before coming in.