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DONIPHAN NEWSLETTER

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HOURS:
Monday- Friday
8:00 AM- 4:30 PM

COUNTY COMMITTEE:
Everett Euler
Ula May Drake

COMMITTEE MEETS:
3rd Thursday of each
month at 8:30 AM.

STAFF:
Sarah Falk, CED
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In Memory of Jack Masters, County Committeeman



Doniphan County's FSA Committeeman, Jack Masters, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2010. Jack was a local steward of agriculture and of the community. He served as a FSA County Committeeman from 2004 to present. He also served 29 years on the Doniphan County Conservation District from 1971 to 2000.

Jack was a lifelong resident of Troy, where he farmed. He held a pilot's license and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Several FSA employees got to experience flying with Jack. He was always willing to share his talents with everyone.

Jack will be greatly missed by all employees and friends at the FSA office. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Masters family .

NAP & FCIC Enrollment Affects Disaster Eligibility

Producers are reminded about the need for **insurance coverage on crops of economic significance** in order to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs such as SURE, LFP, TAP and ELAP.

Hay or any other crop of economic significance (exceeds 5% of the value of all crops in the operation), are required to have insurance policy or a NAP policy in order for you to be eligible for SURE.

March 15 is the application closing date for coarse grains, vegetable & melon crops, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash and walnuts under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

The administrative fee is \$250.00 per crop per administrative county (not to exceed \$750 per producer per administrative county and a \$1875 maximum fee for multi county producers). Please stop by our office for more information regarding NAP and the effects it has on your disaster benefits.

New Temporary Program Technician
Rebecca Keys will join the staff at our office as Temporary Program Technician. She has office experience and looks forward to working with all of our producers. Please help us welcome Rebecca at your next office visit!

2010 DCP/ACRE Sign-up Continues- Deadline June 1

Producers may now enroll in the 2010 DCP and/or ACRE Annual Farm Program. **Signup ends June 1, 2010.** Eligible producers may request an advance direct payment. These advance payments are based on 22% of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The ACRE program was new in 2009 and is a farm by farm, irrevocable election.

Get signed up before you get busy in the fields! Call for an appointment today!

County Committee Special Election

The Doniphan County FSA Committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates for the special local county committee election to be held this spring. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the FSA county offices by close of business on April 22.

Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or any other producer in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2. This area includes Center, Independence and Wayne townships. FSA County Committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues.

Nomination forms (FSA-669) are available at the FSA county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

The deadline for submitting nominations to the local county office is **April 22**. For details, contact the staff of Doniphan County FSA office.



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Farm Loan Programs

FSA 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 ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a President or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

Livestock Deaths?

Have you **incurred any livestock deaths over the last 30 days** that were caused by **extreme cold, blizzards** or other disasters? The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses, in excess of established normal mortality rates, due to adverse weather, including losses due to: floods, blizzards, extreme heat and extreme cold.

It is the producer's responsibility to notify the county FSA office about their livestock deaths. For 2010 the payment rate on an adult beef cow is \$631.41, calf (less than 400 pounds) is \$302.58, and the payment rate for Boars/Sows (over 450 pounds) is \$139.75. Payment rates for other livestock categories can be found by contacting our office. **LIP regulations require that producers must file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days from when the loss is apparent**, and file an application for payment no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurs.

When an application is filed, participants must provide verifiable documentation of livestock deaths claimed on the application. Livestock owners and livestock contract growers that cannot provide any proof of death must provide verifiable documentation of their livestock inventory when the deaths occurred.

There are no late-filed provisions for the LIP program. If you do not file a notice of loss at your county FSA office within 30 days from when the loss is apparent, the county office will be unable to approve your application. For more LIP details, contact the Doniphan County FSA Office at 785-985-2221.

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Committee Election Results



Congratulations to Ula May Drake! The Doniphan County FSA Committee has announced the results of the recent election for the committee position in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1. Elected for another 3 year term is **Ula May Drake**. We would like to express a sincere **Thank You** for her previous 6 years of service on the Committee. We look forward to working with her for another 3 year term.

Congratulations!