



July 2010



Marshall County News

- Marshall County USDA Service Center

- Marshall County FSA
- 1133 Pony Express Hwy
- Marysville KS 66508
- 785-562-5343
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- www.fsa.usda.gov

- Hours
- Monday - Friday
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- County Committee
- Patricia Sue Grauer, Chairperson
- Beverly Hedke, Vice-Chairperson
- Duane Polson, Regular Member
- County Committee meets
- Second Thursday of the month

- Office Staff:
- Keith E Tilley, CED
- Kay McCoy, FLM
- Ray Mueting, FLO
- Marsha Schell, PT
- Jean Merrill, PT
- Sarah Lee, PT
- Kelly Schotte, PT
- Virginia Ratliff, PT

- Field Staff:
- Dennis Smith



- August 2, 2010- Final date to certify feed grains, grass and CRP.

****CROP REPORTING DEADLINES****

The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

A total farm acreage report is required for producers interested in a Supplemental Revenue (SURE) Assistance Program Payment, including grass acreage which the producer has an interest.

Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted.

Producers must file acreage reports for CRP, grass, and spring seeded crops (corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers) by August 2, 2010.

Preventive Planting

Prevented planting needs to be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Failed Acreage

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

****ACRE DEADLINE****

For farms enrolled in ACRE, **August 2, 2010** is the final date to provide FSA-658 "Record of Production and Yield" for corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, and sunflowers. Since this date is on a Sunday, producers have until **August 2, 2010** to submit FSA-658's.



SURE Program

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

1. At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition.
2. Crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm.
3. Producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of an individual loss of at least 50% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop producer or crop quality losses. Loss are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

**Marshall County
Loan Rates**

2010

**Wheat (HRW)-2.81 bu.
Corn-1.83 bu
Barley-1.80 bu
Oats-1.43 bu
Grain Sorghum-3.26 cwt
Soybeans-4.91 bu
Sunflowers-10.06 cwt**



August 3, 2010-
CRP informational meeting
Marysville City Hall.
1:30pm-3:00pm

August 2, 2010-
Last day to file nomination
forms at the local USDA
Service Center.

November 5, 2010-Ballots
mailed to eligible voters.

December 6, 2010-
Last day to return voted
ballots to the USDA
Service Center.

January 1, 2011-
Newly elected county
committee members
take office.

CRP MAINTENANCE

CRP participants are reminded of their responsibility to perform annual CRP maintenance as specified in their Conservation Plan of Operations. A major problem in this state is the invasion of undesirable plants including trees that adversely impact the permanent grassland cover. FSA will be conducting annual inspections of CRP to determine contract violations.

**CRP INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**

We are having an informational meeting at the Marysville City Hall on August 3, 2010 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm. We will be discussing a general CRP signup date yet to be announced.

**2010 FSA County Committee
Elections**

The election of agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long-established, with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and USDA.

COC members are a critical component of FSA operations. The intent is to have the COC reflect the makeup of the producers and to represent all constituents. This means wherever possible, minorities, women or lower income producers need to be on the committee to speak for these underrepresented groups.

LAA 1 is up for election this year. The LAA 1 consist of Herkimer, Oketo, Balderson, Logan, Marysville and Franklin townships.

**BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS
LOANS**

Are you looking to retire? Are you looking for a way to bring your son or daughter into your farming operation? FSA can help provide financing with programs geared to Beginning Farmers and Ranchers.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) partners with local agriculture lenders to provide direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who would not be able to finance their operations solely with commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers. Operating Loan terms are from 1-7 years for the purchase of crop inputs, feeder livestock, breeding livestock or machinery. Farm Ownership loans are made to purchase and/or improve farm real estate for the farming operation and, depending on the program, are made for up to 40 years.

A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which h/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the median size farm in the county. (Note: all applicants for direct FO loans must have participated in business operation of a farm for at least 3 years.) If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers.

We'd appreciate the opportunity to visit with you about our loan programs and how they can help you meet your goals in operating your farm or ranch. Contact our Farm Loan Staff, located in Nemaha County at (785) 336-2164 or talk to any of our Marysville Staff and we will assist you in contacting the Farm Loan Staff for an appointment.