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Nemaha County News

**Nemaha County
USDA Service Center**

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County Committee meets
2nd Tuesday of Month at 8:30 a.m.

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CROP REPORTING

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 Load Deficiency Payments.

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. 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 needed to have filed their acreage reports by June 1 for small grains and have until August 1st to file acreage reports for feed grains. *Late filed acreage reports require a fee of \$46 per farm.*

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please contact the Carla Jackson at the Nemaha County Office.

Haying and Grazing CRP

The frequency in which a CRP participant can hay or graze their CRP contract has changed. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been released and published. The CRP contracts once again have the opportunity to hay or graze every three years in the state of Kansas. Contact the County Office if you are interested in modifying your Conservation Plan of Operation.

Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are "constituted" to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. If an owner or operator cannot agree about program participation, like in the case of the new ACRE program, then producers should inquire about a reconstitution of the farm at the local FSA office.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by August 2, 2010 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

CROP DISASTER 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.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- 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
- 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.

Annual Program Requirements for Price Support:

- All acreage on the farm must be reported by applicable deadlines (FSA-578).
- Compliance with sod/swampbuster provisions (AD-1026).
- Person Determination (CCC-902)
- Has beneficial interest in the commodity.
- Shares a risk of producing the commodity.
- Not be convicted under Federal or State law of a controlled substance violation.
- Average Gross Income Provisions apply.
- Not have a Federal non-tax debt.

Foreign Investors 90-Day Reporting Rule

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days. Failure to disclose this interest can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land's market value.



25 Years and Counting!

The Nemaha County FSA Office has several employees who have been recently recognized for 25 years of service or more. We want to take the time to "introduce" them to you and tell them **THANK YOU** for their dedication and years of service:

Kay McCoy

Chris Christensen

Vicky Olenhouse

Charlene Boden

Truly, thank you for all of your years of serving the local farming community!

**SPOUSAL SIGNATURE
 AUTHORITY**

Spouses are automatically able to sign most FSA program documents on behalf of one another without a power of attorney form on file. If you wish to deny your spouse the authority to sign for you, written notification must be furnished to the appropriate FSA Office in which you have an interest.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

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 agricultural 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 he/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.



Reminders	
	All changes of address, operator, ownership, and direct deposit should be reported as soon as they are known throughout the year.
	Contact FSA before breaking land, removing tree areas, removing field boundaries removing farm stored loan grain or planting any crop that might be a fruit or vegetable on contract acreage.
	Check your CRP Plan of operations and remember to get food plots planted if they are in your plan.
	Weeds/trees must be controlled on Conservation Reserve acres.
July 5	Office Closed
August 1	Last day to report fall crops.
Continues	Rural Youth Loans for 10-20 Year Olds
Continues	Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

WEBSITES

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

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