

Osage County Ag Wire

Newsletter of the USDA Service Center in Lyndon Kansas:
Farm Service Agency - Natural Resources Conservation Service - Osage Conservation District

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday January 2010

Quick Reference Guide

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Mark Your Calendar

January 13th: Reception for Tim Gogolski from 1:00-4:00 PM (See Article)

February 8th: Conservation District Annual Meeting @ 6:00 PM- Call Lori at 785-828-3458 to RSVP

February 3rd: Farm Profit Conference at Carbondale (See Article)

Ongoing: DCP sign-up and wheat acreage certification (See Article)

Loans for Grain Bin Construction Now Available

USDA can loan on construction or rehabilitation of bins for needed grain storage. Grain storage is handy to keep the combine moving during harvest or for short to medium term storage. If you need grain storage, now would be a good time to be thinking about building a new bin or repairing old bins by adding new rings, augers or other improvements. The winter and spring months are a great time to get good deals on bin packages. For current interest rates call the Service Center. Recent rates have been as low as 3%.

Service Center Employee Updates



"Moving On" by Tim Gogolski

I have accepted a position with NRCS in Redmond, Oregon and will be moving in January. I have always taken to heart our Mission of "Helping People Help the Land" and wish to express my enjoyment in working with the Osage county producers and Service Center Staff.

The producers in Osage county have been the most progressive ones I have had the pleasure to work with in my career. No-till acres have more than doubled and continue to go up; we have always been a leader in the state for continuous CRP acres and conservation work is a high priority as evidenced by the number of participants in State and Federal Cost-Share Programs. I wish to thank the producers for their diligence in applying conservation and the Service Center Staff for their dedication to assisting producers in their conservation efforts.

Please join the Service Center Staff at an open house to wish Tim the best in his future adventures. The open house will be January 13th from 1:00-4:00 PM at the Service Center in Lyndon.

New Conservation Technician Duston Spencer was hired by the Conservation District to assist



with staking conservation practices for Osage County producers. Duston is headquartered in Osage County but will also be working in Shawnee and Douglas Counties.

Duston is a 2000 graduate of Marais Des Cygnes Valley High School and lives by Quenemo.

Applications for Farm Loan Assistance

FSA Farm Loan Programs provide a variety of loan types for every need for both new and existing customers. Whether it's a beginning farmer loan, youth loan, existing operation loan, farm business expansion or socially disadvantaged loan, Farm Loan Programs may be able to help.

Contact the FSA Farm Loan Office in Ottawa at 785-242-3527 for more details and assistance in applying.

DCP Sign-Up & Wheat and Oats Acreage Reporting

The FSA office is taking wheat acreage reports, and signing producers up in the DCP and ACRE programs. Please call the office to schedule an appointment to report wheat acreage, and sign up for DCP or ACRE.

Farm Profit Conference at Carbondale

There will be a Farm Profit Conference at 5:30 pm February 3rd at the Carbondale Community Center. The program is free and includes a meal. The Conference is sponsored by KSU Research and Extension and AM 580. The host will be Kelly Lenz and the program will feature the following speakers: Jeff Peterson, KSU Economist "Climate

Change Legislation and Impact on Agriculture," Mary Knapp, K-State Meteorologist "2010 Weather Trends in Kansas and Darrell Holady "Another Volatile Year in the Markets." Those interested in participating may RSVP by e-mailing kelly.lenz@morris.com or calling the Extension office at 785-828-4438.

Commodity Loans for Operating Money

Commodity loans are now available from USDA to eligible Osage County agricultural producers on 2009 commodities. Commodities included for loans in Osage County are farm stored or warehouse stored wheat, corn, sorghum or soybeans.

Low interest rate loans give producers the advantage of using loan proceeds for operating costs or other expenses while storing grain and speculating on future grain prices. Recent interest rates have been as low as 1.375%. The maximum term for the loan is nine months. Producers can pay all or part of the loan off to market grain or feed livestock anytime during the nine months with pre-authorization.

Osage County Commodity Loan Rates for 2009 crops are:

Hard Red Winter Wheat	\$2.72/bu
Corn	\$1.95/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.38/cwt
Soybeans	\$4.97/bu
Ungraded Wool	\$0.40/lb

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