



Pottawatomie County Farm Service Agency

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County Newsletter – July 2010

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Annual Crop Reporting Deadline

The deadline to report spring seeded crops and CRP is August 1, 2010. To save yourself and FSA valuable time, please call for an appointment at 785-457-3661. 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 (CRP) acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. A total farm acreage report is required for producers interested in a Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) Payment, including all grass acreage which the producer has an interest, either hayed or grazed. Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted.

Prevented Planting:

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

Final Plant Dates are:

- Corn – May 25
- Soybeans - June 15
- Sorghum – June 25

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.

CRP General Signup

A General CRP Signup is planned for 2010. Farm Service Agency does not know the date of the signup but will provide a State Newsletter when all information pertaining to the signup is available. Be sure to watch your mail for the announcement newsletter.

The Pottawatomie County FSA office will also have an information meeting once all signup information is known. Please watch for upcoming announcement.

CRP Haying and Grazing

Managed Haying and Grazing rules have changed. If you wish to hay or graze your CRP acreage, please contact the Pottawatomie County Office to determine if you are eligible. A modified Conservation Plan will have to be completed prior to any haying or grazing. Haying is permitted July 16 through August 15. Grazing can not exceed 120 consecutive days. Grazing dates permitted will depend on your CRP contract approval date.

County Committee Election

County Committee Election is being held for LAA 3. Final date to file a nomination form is August 2, 2010. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters on November 5, 2010. December 6, 2010 is the last day to return your voted ballot to the Pottawatomie County Service Center. Ballots will be counted and the newly elected county committee member will take office on January 1, 2011.

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Pottawatomie County Loan Rates

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Wheat	2.79 BU
Barley	1.80 BU
Oats	1.43 BU
Corn	1.90 BU
Milo	3.30 CWT
Soybeans	4.88 BU
Sunflowers	10.06 CWT

Loan Deficiency Payment

Farm Service Agency requires Form CCC-633 EZ, page 1 to be on file in order to be eligible for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Most producers filed this form with FSA when the DCP or ACRE contract was signed. If you are in doubt if you signed this form, please contact our office.

SURE

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. Crop of significance means any crop that is expected to contribute 5 percent or more of the total expected value of all crops grown by a producer.

To be eligible producers must report all crops, in all counties, in which they have an ownership share and risk. This includes crops on cropland and/or non cropland, including native or improved grass that will be mechanically harvested or grazed.

Farm Loans

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

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. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. Let FSA be your Lender of First Opportunity!

If you are receiving this newsletter in error, please contact 785-457-3661 or annette.ramsey@ks.usda.gov with the exact name on the newsletter and county of your farming interest.