



POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY FSA NEWS

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May 2010

Deadlines Dates

- DCP/ACRE signup
June 1, 2010

- Crop Reporting

Small Grains for Grain
May 31, 2010

Spring Seeded Crops
Aug 1, 2010

CRP Aug 1, 2010

- IRS Disclosure
June 15, 2010

Contact the County office to schedule an appointment to report your crops and sign up for the DCP/ACRE program.

Pottawatomie County
FSA Personnel

Annette Ramsey, CED

Diane O'Shea, PT

Debbie Lundgren, PT

Sara Wege, PT

2010 County Committee Members

LAA1: William Budenbender

LAA2: John Wayne Gilsdorf

LAA3: Clara M. Ebert

Personnel Changes

After 31 years of service, Pam Lauer has retired from the Pottawatomie County Farm Service Agency (FSA). An Open House was held April 1st to celebrate Pam's retirement.



New Staff Member—Sara Wege



Please welcome Sara Wege to the Pottawatomie County Office.

SURE

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred 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. Pottawatomie County has not been declared a disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture so producers must have at least a 50% loss on expected revenue from all crops on all farms. Contact FSA if you have any questions.

County Committee



Jonathan Berges receives certificate of appreciation

Farm Service Agency held an election for a County Committee member for Local Administrative Area #2 in November. John Wayne Gilsdorf was elected for the seat vacated by Jonathan Berges. Jonathan had served the maximum three consecutive terms or 9 years. FSA appreciates the time and commitment Jonathan and all the County Committee members provide to our agency.

The County Committee members for 2010 are: William Budenbender, Chairperson, Clara M. Ebert, Vice Chair and John Wayne Gilsdorf, Member. County Committee members meet each month to review and make decisions which affect producers and the programs FSA offers.

DCP/ACRE SIGNUP

June 1, 2010 is the final date to sign up for the 2010 program year Direct and Counter Cyclical (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. If you have not signed up for the 2010 year, please contact the County Office to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are highly recommended to allow FSA to prepare the required documents and save you time.

IRS Disclosure Form

Producers have until June 15 to provide the CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for entities to IRS to remain eligible for 2009 and 2010 payments. FSA will not receive any income tax information from IRS. IRS will only confirm a producer's AGI compliance. Ensure that the form is completed correctly and that the name entered on the form is how you file your taxes. Example: If you farm under a Trust, but file your taxes under your individual name,

then you should record your individual name on the form (not the Trust). If all fields are not completed correctly, IRS will reject the form. Do not send the form to FSA; it must be mailed directly to the IRS address at the top of the form. Failure to submit a form to the IRS may result in refund of 2009 and 2010 payments. You may obtain a copy of the form at the FSA county office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

County Committee Nominations for LAA #3 are being taken beginning June 15, 2010 through August 2, 2010. Nomination forms can be obtained from the FSA office or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>

Prevented Planting

Prevented planting is defined as the inability to plant the intended crop acreage with proper equipment by the final planting date for crop type because of a natural disaster. To be considered timely, producers who request prevented planting acreage credit must report the acreage on the FSA-578 and complete the CCC-576 within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Final planting dates are: **May 25** for corn, **June 15** for soybeans and **June 25** for sorghum. The last date to timely file the necessary forms is **June 9** for corn **June 30** for soybeans and **July 10** for sorghum. A late file fee will be assessed for requests submitted beyond the final dates.

Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Service Agency 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 Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

Crop Reporting

Don't forget to report your planted crops. Deadline to report Small Grain crops such as Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Triticale is **May 31, 2010**. Deadline to report Spring Seeded Crops such as Corn, Soybeans, and Sorghum is **August 1, 2010**. Deadline to report CRP is **August 1, 2010**.

You must report crops to participate in many of FSA programs

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