

SHAWNEE COUNTY FSA NEWS

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Meet 2nd Thursday of the month @
9:00 a.m.

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2010 COC ELECTION RESULTS

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee (COC) election ballots cast from voters in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 were recently counted resulting in the following positions. Lawrence Atwood received the most votes and was elected to serve a three-year term on the Shawnee County FSA Committee. This is the first three year term for Lawrence Atwood to serve on the COC in Shawnee County. John J Moore was elected as first alternate to the COC and R Alan Bullock was elected as second alternate to the COC. LAA 3 consists of the following townships: Auburn, Monmouth and Williamsport. FSA appreciates the candidates for being involved in the election process and agreeing to serve their area of Shawnee County. FSA also commends those producers who voted in the election. FSA Committees oversee local operations, develop local policies, and resolve various issues involving federal farm programs administered by FSA.

FARM BILL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS PLANNED

Mark your calendar on March 3, 2010! The Shawnee County FSA Office will hold two Farm Bill Informational Meetings (10:00 am and 7:00 pm) at the Shawnee County Farm Bureau Office at 3801 SW Wanamaker Road. Items that will be discussed will include Commodity Programs, Eligibility Requirements and various Disaster Programs. Call (785) 266-9053 for RSVP by March 1, 2010.

2010 DCP and ACRE SIGN UP

Sign up for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) continues from **October 1, 2009 to June 1, 2010**. There are no late filing provisions for the 2010 sign up. Advance payments are available to those interested producers upon approval of the contract. Please contact our office for an appointment!

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) VERIFICATION PROCESS

Beginning in January 2010, producers will be required to submit a consent form to IRS. This allows the release of IRS data to USDA for AGI compliance purposes. Producers can obtain these forms from our office and will mail them directly to IRS. The deadline for submission is June 15, 2010. Please contact our office for details

Commodity Loan Rates

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$2.74/bu
Corn	\$2.00/bu
Soybeans	\$5.07/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.52/cwt
Oats	\$1.37/bu



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Mark Your Calendar

Mar. 3 – Shawnee County FSA Farm Bill Informational Meeting
Two sessions: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, please call (785) 266-9053 for RSVP by February 26.

Mar. 15 – Deadline for purchasing NAP coverage on the following crops: coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, amaranth, chestnuts, cotton, pecans, pumpkins, safflower, sesame, squash and walnuts.

Mar. 24 – Women in Agriculture Meeting from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Pre-register by March 23 by calling Judy Boltman at (785) 267-5721 ext 3. Meeting held at Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building.

Ongoing – LIP Notice of Losses due to Adverse Weather Events must be submitted within 30 calendar days from the date of the event

Signups ongoing for Continuous CRP Practices and applications for Farm Storage Facility Loans

APPOINTMENTS PLEASE

Your time is valuable! Appointments should increase staff efficiency and save you time. Most of the staff resources will be devoted to serving producers with scheduled appointments. As a result, the number of staff devoted to walk-in customers will be limited and you may be asked to schedule an appointment to avoid lengthy waits. Please call (785) 266-9053 to schedule an appointment.

DO YOU HAVE CHANGES?

If you have bought, sold or renting different land, please be sure to report those changes to you local FSA office immediately. Reports of purchased or sold property should be accompanied by a copy of the land deed. Failure to maintain accurate records with the FSA office on all land you have an interest in can result in possible program ineligibility and/or fines.



CLEARING LAND OR ALTERING WETLANDS

If you are planning on any land clearing, drainage, filling, existing ditch clean out, leveling or dredging, remember that you need to come into the office and fill out form AD-1026 **BEFORE** you do the work. Then NRCS will determine if the action you want to carry out can be done without jeopardizing eligibility for our programs and other USDA programs. Also, if you have highly erodible fields on any of the land you own or operate, you must be actively applying an approved conservation plan or maintaining a fully applied conservation system in order to remain eligible for our programs.

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS FROM SHAWNEE COUNTY

If you wish to receive news from our office in the form of e-mail, please call our office to sign up today. Stay up-to-date on all programs and activities in our office. Call (785) 266-9053 to register today!

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