

SHAWNEE COUNTY FSA NEWS

Topeka, Kansas



August and September 2010

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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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GENERAL CRP INFORMATIONAL MEETING PLANNED FOR AUGUST 4, 2010!

Farm Service Agency is preparing for a General CRP Signup to start on August 2 and runs until August 27. It is important to have all of the facts of the signup before operators and landowners evaluate their own situations. The Shawnee County FSA Office will be holding two General CRP Signup Informational Meetings on August 4, 2010 at the Shawnee County Farm Bureau Building at 3600 SW Wanamaker Road in Topeka.

One meeting will take place at 10:00 am and another will start at 6:30 pm on August 4th. It is important to attend this meeting if you are wishing to place an offer for CRP consideration. We are asking for RSVP's by August 3rd if you are wishing to attend. By making a reservation, our office will be able to provide an accurate number of informational packets to bring to the meeting.

Please contact Lance Thompson, CED for any special accommodations that will need to be made before the meeting. RSVP's can be taken by calling Lance Thompson or Nicole Welborn at (785) 266-9053 extension 2.

SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST

Many FSA Programs will allow payments to be made to heirs or successors when a program participant passes away. Additionally, contracts in programs such as CRP must be revised to reflect the successor(s) to a deceased participant's interest.

In the event of an FSA program participant's death, it is important that FSA be notified. Entities and joint operations that participate in FSA programs also need to notify FSA if a shareholder or member passes away. FSA benefits are reported to IRS and maintaining current, accurate records about participants is vital to ensuring that those payments are reported correctly.

2010 CROP CERTIFICATION DEADLINE

A FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must be filed for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. The acreage certification deadline for all spring seeded crops, NAP acreage, and CRP acreage is August 2nd. Any crop reports received after August 2nd will be subject to a \$46.00 late filing fee per farm. Please contact our office immediately for an appointment to file your acreage report timely!

Commodity Loan Rates

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$2.87/bu
Corn	\$2.01/bu
Soybeans	\$5.07/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.52/cwt
Oats	\$1.43/bu

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Mark Your Calendar

- Aug. 2 – Final acreage certification date for spring-seeded crops, CRP, and NAP.**
- Aug. 1 – Final date to request a farm reconstitution.**
- Sep. 6 – Labor Day (Office is Closed)**
- Continues – 2008 Losses for SURE**
- Continues – Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans**
- Continues – Continuous CRP Program Signup**
- Continues – LIP Signup for 2010 livestock losses (Notice of losses must be filed within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer)**
- Continues – Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL), allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.**

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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