

# FSA NEWS

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## **2010 DCP/ACRE SIGNUP DEADLINE JUNE 1, 2010 ---- PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue through June 1, 2010.**

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Eligible producers may request advance direct payments based on 22% of the direct payment. The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. If participating in ACRE, a farm will not receive counter-cyclical payments, a

farm's direct payment is reduced 20%, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced 30%. The decision to enroll in ACRE is irrevocable and once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year. The deadline for enrolling in ACRE is also June 1, 2010 and FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.

**We suggest you call for an appointment to sign up for the 2010 DCP/ACRE program in March and April and not wait towards the end of sign-up as all owner and operator signatures must be received in the county office by the deadline date of June 1, 2010.**

## **PRESCRIBED BURNING WORKSHOP PLANNED -- MARCH 10**

**A prescribed burn workshop will be held March 10 at 9:30am at the Madison Sauder Center in Madison, Kansas.** The workshop is co-sponsored by K-State Research & Extension and the Kansas Prescribed Fire Council. The workshop will focus on History and purpose of fire in Kansas, State and Local Ag Burning Law, Nature, behavior and control of fire, Determining the burn objective, Preparing for the burn, Equipment and manpower needs, Developing a burn plan, Smoke management, and Vegetation response to the burn. The workshop registration will be \$20 payable at the door and includes lunch and materials. March 5 is the deadline to register which is limited to 50 participants.

**Please call the Greenwood County Extension Office at (620) 583-7455 by March 5 for reservations.**

## **LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)**

The LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather that occurred on or after Jan 1, 2008, and before Oct 1, 2011, including losses because of floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. The livestock must have died as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. Producers who suffer livestock death losses should submit a notice of loss and an application for payment to the local FSA office that maintains the farm records for their business. The notice of loss must be submitted the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss of livestock was apparent to the producer or 30 days after the end of the calendar year in which the loss of livestock occurred.

## **REPORT 2010 WHEAT ACREAGE BY JUNE 1**

Wheat producers are reminded to report 2010 wheat acreage to the FSA Office before the June 1 deadline to remain eligible for the DCP/ACRE programs. Planting dates will be needed when you report your wheat acres as well as designating the acreage on aerial photographs. Please call the FSA Office to schedule an appointment to report acres.

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### **SIGN-UP for 2008 SURE DISASTER PROGRAM UNDERWAY**

USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Producers who suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year may qualify for SURE crop disaster payments. SURE provides payments to eligible producers on farms that incurred crop production losses and provides assistance in an amount equal to 60% of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. For Greenwood and Elk County, producers must have suffered a 50% loss on all crops grown on all farms in 2008. In addition, to be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10% production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must have met the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining an FCIC policy on insured crops, or NAP coverage, or through the buy-in provision for all economically significant crops.

### **NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE (NAP) MARCH 15 DEADLINE**

The deadline date for FSA to accept applications under the NAP for 2010 crops of coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops, cotton, millet, sweet corn, and other forage crops for livestock (mechanically harvested or grazed) is March 15, 2010. Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food and fiber.

### **FARM STORED FACILITY LOANS**

Low interest rate loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, soybeans and corn. New facilities can also be built for approved hay storage. Loans can be made from 7 to 12 years depending on amount of loan. Loans of up to 85% of the cost can be made. Please contact the county office for more details on the facility loan program.

### **FOREIGN INVESTORS NEED TO REPORT**

Foreign Investors of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to their local FSA Office or face potential civil penalties.

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