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Dickinson County News

Dickinson County USDA Service Center

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Hours
Monday - Friday
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County Committee
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County Committee meets
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 9:30 am.

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FARM STORED GRAIN CONDITIONS

Farm stored grain being used for collateral with CCC for a loan must be maintained. It is the producer's responsibility to maintain the quality of the commodity under loan. During the life of the loan the commodity may be inspected at any time by representative of CCC.

We strongly encourage you to periodically inspect your commodity and take whatever action is necessary to maintain the commodity in good condition.



NEW FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBER

Congratulations to Jared Hoover for being nominated to the Dickinson County Committee (COC) during the 2005 Election.

Jared is beginning his first year of a three year term on the COC. An elected member can remain on the committee for a maximum of three terms.

FSA county committees help ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committees provide input on commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster assistance and many more programs.

FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. The Dickinson committee consist of three members will have an adviser to further represent the interests of minorities and women farmers and ranchers.

FOREIGN INVESTORS 90-DAY REPORTING RULE

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report their land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of their interest in the agricultural land.

CRP GENERAL SIGNUP ANNOUNCED

The USDA announced that a general CRP sign up will be held this spring. Producers will be able to make offers for CRP's competitive general sign-up from March 27, 2006, through April 14, 2006. Offers will be evaluated based on five environmental factors and cost. CRP contracts that expire in 2006 are eligible to be re offered during this sign up as well as any new land. The Dickinson County FSA office will not be making appointments for this sign up until March 20, 2006.

CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

To be eligible for USDA benefits, you must be following your Conservation Compliance Plan on all highly erodible acres. Please check your plan with Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) or your FSA office before removal of trees, fence, breaking out land, or altering field boundaries. Checking could save you additional costly conservation measures. Altering wetlands or breaking up highly erodible land can cause payment ineligibility.

NEW LDP FORM

Form CCC-633LDP and CCC-709 will not be available for Loan Deficiency Payment requests for 2006 crops.

The CCC-633EZ will be the only applicable form for 2006 crop LDP's. CCC-633EZ Page 1 must be filed prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop or before applying for LDP. A separate Page 1 must be signed by the operator and owner. One Page 1 will cover all eligible commodities on all farms in all counties for one producer.

We are attempting to get all producers to sign CCC-633 EZ Page 1 while they are certifying their acreages this spring prior to any 2006 commodity harvest.

The CCC-633EZ Page 2 shall be filed by producers to request the LDP payment on all eligible commodities except cotton. The Page 2 can be filed after beneficial interest has been lost as long as there was a Page 1 on file prior to losing beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be based on the date beneficial interest was lost, or the date the Page 2 was filed if the producer still has beneficial interest in the commodity. Page 2 must be filed by the final loan/LDP availability date.

Copies of the CCC-633EZ (all pages) can be obtained on the Internet at:
<http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>

MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS & LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP'S) FINAL AVAILABILITY DATES

- Wool & Mohair – January 31st
- Unshorn Pelts (LDPs only) – January 31st
- Small Grains – March 31st
- Honey – March 31st
- Upland Cotton – May 31st
- Feed Grains – May 31st
- Soybeans/Minor Oilseeds – May 31st



CRP CONTRACT REX

CRP contracts that will expire in years 2007-2010 are eligible for the Conservation Reserve Program Contract Re-enrollment and Extension (REX).

The Dickinson County FSA office will begin notifying producers eligible for REX this year via a letter. This letter will state whether your contract will be offered the following: a 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year extension or be offered a 10-year re-enrollment.

CRP must be in compliance to be extended or re-enrolled. All offers will have a compliance check completed, a fee is associated with this service. There will be a charge of \$45.00 plus \$1/acre, to complete the compliance review.

If your CRP is expiring September 2007 please be looking for a letter soon.

ACREAGE CERTIFICATION

Many producers have realized the importance of timely reporting crop acres to earn program benefits. An acreage report must be on file to be eligible for the following:

- Requesting a commodity loan or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)
- Requesting Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) payments.
- Requesting benefits for the Non-Insured Disaster Program (NAP)
- Annual rental payments for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

The Acreage Certification Deadlines are:

- Small Grain for Grain – May 31
- Small Grain for Grazing – 15 days prior to grazing
- Small Grain for Haying – 15 days prior to haying
- Spring Seeded Crops - August 1
- Double Crop – August 1
- CRP – August 1
- NAP – 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazing for all other crops

WEBSITES:

FSA – www.fsa.usda.gov
 Kansas FSA – www.fsa.usda.gov/ks
 USDA – www.usda.gov
 Level 2 eAuth Account –
www.eauth.egov.usda.gov

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 31 st	2005-production incentive under the Hard White Wheat Incentive Program (HWWIP)
June 1 st	Last day to sign up for Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Contract w/o paying fee
March 27 th – April 14 th	General CRP Sign up
April 14 th	Final date to offer REX
August 1 st	Acreage Certification Deadline for spring plant and DC
On Going	Notification of Farm Record Changes

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