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# Dickinson County News

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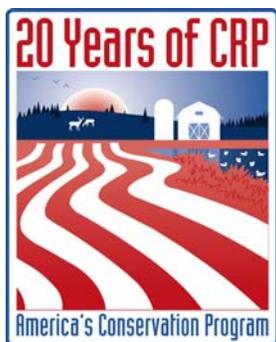
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Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee meets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month at 9:30 am.

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## 2008-2010 CRP REX

Letters were sent to producers in April with CRP contracts that expire between 2008 and 2010 informing them of their option of a 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year extension or a 10-year re-enrollment.

If you would like to participate in the REX program a compliance fee equal to \$45.00 plus \$1/acre must be paid and form FSA-409 must be signed and returned by **June 30, 2006**.

A compliance check will be completed prior to approval of any extensions.



## CRP TOUR ON JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

Individuals interested in learning how Kansas's are restoring and enhancing natural resources through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) should attend the CRP Field Tour on June 7, 2006 to be held in **Dickinson County**. The tour will begin at Mary Dell Camp Area at Brown Memorial Park approximately 1 1/2 miles south of Abilene. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and buses will leave at 9:00 a.m., there is room for 96 passenger; others can follow in their own vehicle. After the tour, the participants will return to Brown Memorial Park for a catered lunch.

The tour commemorates 20 years of the CRP program. During the day participants will learn more about Filter Strips, Rare and Declining Habitats, Contour Grass Strip Terraces, and Upland Bird Habitat Buffers. Conservation experts and landowners will share their experiences and explain the environmental benefits of these practices.

Call 785-539-3531 or e-mail [betty.unterberger@ks.usds.gov](mailto:betty.unterberger@ks.usds.gov) to pre-register for the CRP Field Tour in Dickinson County on June 7<sup>th</sup>; although not required, pre-registration will allow for meal and bus arrangements. The rain date will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## DESIGNATION BY LANDOWNER PROVISIONS

Producers are reminded of the importance of reporting to the FSA Office any change to their farming operation that would affect the status of their farm(s). A farm, as defined by FSA, is generally made up of tracts that have the same owner and the same operator. A sale of land in the farm or a tract of land within the farm would be an instance that requires notifying the local FSA office so a farm reconstitution can be initiated using form FSA-155, Request for Farm Reconstitution.

A special provision exists that would allow contract acres to be divided in a manner agreed to by all sellers and buyers. The method of division, known as the "Designation by Landowner" provision, must be requested and requires all sellers and buyers agree to the method by signing the FSA-155, or providing a memorandum of understanding that includes signatures of all sellers and buyers.

When notifying the county office of ownership changes, the designation by landowner method of division should be discussed to see if this method would result in a more satisfactory division of contract acres compared to the default method most commonly used for farm and tract divisions. The designation by landowner method can only be used when requested and if all buyers and sellers agree in writing.

## 2006 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

It is that time again to nominate individuals to run for county committee. The nomination period runs from June 15 - August 1, 2006. The local administrative area (LAA) #2 made up of the following townships: **Lincoln, Grant, Center, Rinehart, Garfield, Newbern, Logan and Liberty** are eligible for this years nomination.

It is crucial that all eligible voters take part in the FSA county committee election because FSA county committees are the direct link between the agriculture community and the USDA. Committee members deliver FSA programs at the local level. Producers that serve help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs their county offers.

Individuals that participate in an FSA program may be nominated for candidacy for the committee. Producers may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, organizations representing minority and women producers may nominate candidates. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at the office or on-line at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>

Nominations must be postmarked or received by close of business on August 1, 2006 in the FSA office. So make your nomination!

An informational meeting will be held on June 20, 2006 at 9:00 am in the County Committee Room at the Dickinson County USDA Service Center to discuss COC nominations and election processes

## 2006 DICKINSON COUNTY LOAN RATES

Commodity	2005 Rate	2006 Rate
Barley	\$ 1.74	\$ 1.75
Corn	\$ 2.04	\$ 2.02
Grain Sorg*	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.27
Oats	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.34
Soybeans	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.89
Sunflowers*	\$ 9.01	\$ 9.02
Wheat	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.87

\* Commodities paid per cwt.



**Farm Storage Facility Loan Program**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL) provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. Seven year loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment or remodeling existing facilities.

All loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 % of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15 % down payment is required. For information, please contact your local FSA office.



**2006 DCP SIGNUP**

The final date to sign into the 2006 DCP program is **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Contracts were mailed last fall to the operator on the farm. If you have not received any paperwork from the office please call.

Advanced Direct Payments of 40% can be requested in any month through September, 2006. The final Direct Payment will be made in October, 2006. Advance Counter-Cyclical Payments may also be requested.

We must have all original signatures on the DCP Contract (CCC-509) before the contract can be approved. The deadline to participate in the 2006 DCP program is June 1<sup>st</sup>. A \$100.00 fee per farm will be assessed all farms enrolled after the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**2006 LDP's CCC-633 EZ**

Harvest is just around the corner. 2006 CCC-633 EZ page 1 has been sent to those producers that do not have one on file and had a share in eligible commodities last year. Please contact the office if you have questions. This form must be on file before applying for LDP .



Dates to Remember	
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Acreage Certification Deadline for Small Grain Commodities
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day to sign up for Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Contract w/o paying fee
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary CRP Tour
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Final date to offer REX (2008-2010)
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Acreage Certification Deadline for Spring Planted and DC
On Going	Notification of Farm Record Changes

Websites:  
 FSA – [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)  
 Kansas FSA – [www.fsa.usds.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usds.gov/ks)  
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