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Dickinson County News

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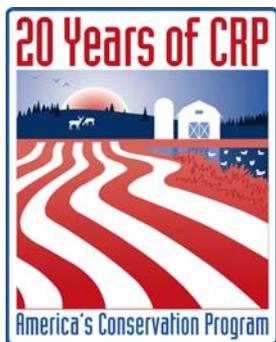
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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee meets
2nd Wednesday of the
month at 9:30 am.

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CRP Reminders

The Dickinson County FSA office recently conducted a number of compliance reviews on CRP acreage. Common findings were the presence of invasive trees and undesirable weeds. Participants are paid an annual maintenance fee of \$5.00 per acre to maintain the contract cover.

CRP participants are being reminded that failure to maintain CRP acreage to the Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) specifications can be assessed penalties and/or possible contract termination.



2006 COMMODITY LOANS

Nine-month commodity loans may be obtained by placing the eligible commodity in approved:

- Farm Storage and either requesting a measurement service or certifying the loan quantity on CCC-666
- Warehouse Storage, and obtain a loan on 100% of the net quantity on the warehouse receipt.

A lien search, including Federal and State tax liens, will be performed in the Secretary of State's office for all loans after the loan request is filed and before the loan can be approved. The producer must obtain all necessary lien waivers (CCC-679) before the loan can be disbursed.

The county loan rate will be:

- If farm stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for applicable discounts.
- If warehouse stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for premiums and discounts. For warehouse receipts under merged warehouse code agreements, the receipt must show location and county where the commodity was originally delivered, and the loan rate in the county where the commodity was delivered will apply.

Regulations have changed for 2006 and subsequent years related to beneficial interest and producers being eligible for Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. The new regulations require that load summary sheets or delivery records provided at the time of application **must** be certified by the warehouse that ownership or title of the delivered commodity remains with the producer.

Producers may request that a commodity pledged as collateral for a CCC farm stored loan be released for delivery to a buyer before repayment of the loan by using **Authorization for Delivery of Loan Collateral for Sale, CCC-681-1**. Requests must be received by the county office **before** movement of collateral. The entire loan quantity will be released; the delivery period is normally for 15 or 30 calendar days. The producer must identify the buyer of the grain at the time of request.

Once a CCC loan is issued, producers have the option to lock-in the daily PCP as the amount for repayment by using form **CCC-697; Request to Lock in a Market Loan Repayment Rate**. This lock-in rate is effective through the earliest of 14 calendar days before the loan maturity date, or 60 days from the date of approval of the rate. **Only one 60 day lock-in rate is allowed on the same bushels per commodity year.**

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.



NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

As a customer service, the Kansas Farm Service Agency will assist livestock producers with online premise registration. Premise registration is the first step in implementing the USDA's National Animal Identification System. NAIS is the foundation of the program that will allow rapid trace-back of animals in the case of a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) outbreak. This service is made available through a partnership arrangement with the Kansas Animal Health Department. Registering a premise is **voluntary** and no fees will be charged. Visit your local FSA Service Center for more information.

RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits. Changes effecting 2006 crops must be reported to the county office and a new 2006 DCP contract on file by close of business September 29, 2006 to participate in the 2006 DCP program.

FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings to the FSA office in the county where the land is located within 90 days of the date of transaction.

2006 FSA County Committee Election

The 2006 election for Dickinson County Committee will be in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2. The following townships are located in that area: **Lincoln, Grant, Center, Rinehart, Garfield, Newbern, Logan and Liberty.**

The ballots for the elections will be mailed to all eligible producers in LAA-2 by November 3, 2006. The instructions enclosed with the ballot must be followed or the ballot will not be counted. All ballots must be received in the county office by close of business on December 4, 2006 to be eligible.

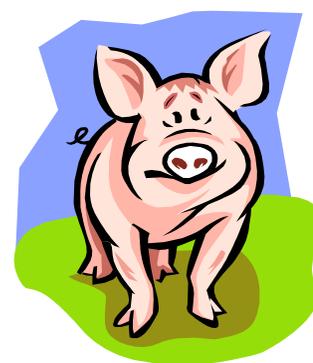
It is crucial that all eligible voters take part in the FSA county committee election because FSA county committees are the direct link between the agriculture community and the USDA.

2007 Direct Payment Changes

The Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005, enacted on February 8, 2006 created changes in the amount of direct payment a producer can earn in advance. For the 2007 DCP year, producers may request **22%** of their Direct Payment in advance. The advanced payments may be made in any month from December through September of the contract period. A final payment for the crop year will be made to the producer as soon as practicable after October 1 of the crop year in which the crop is normally harvested.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSFL's are seven year loans to purchase or remodel eligible grain storage, drying, handling or safety equipment. A 15% down payment is required with a maximum loan of 85% of the net cost, not to exceed \$100,000.



Dates to Remember	
September 29 th	2006 changes in operation must be reported by
September 29 th	Last day to sign up for 2006 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Contract must pay \$100 late fee
October – June 2007	Signup for 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) without a fee
December 1 st	NAP Application Closing Date: all grasses, alfalfa, etc.
On Going	Continuous CRP Signup
On Going	Notification of Farm Record Changes

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

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