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Savannah, MO  
816-324-3196

**Atchison County**

302 E Hwy. 136  
Rock Port, MO 64482  
660-744-5328

**Buchanan County**

3915 Oakland Ave.  
St. Joseph, MO 64506  
816-364-3927

**Clinton County**

1800 W. Highway 116  
Plattsburg, MO 64477  
816-539-2136

**Dekalb County**

1101 S. Polk  
Maysville, MO 64469  
816-449-2112

**Gentry County**

512 E. Hwy. 136  
Albany, MO 64402  
660-726-5525

**Harrison County**

1400 N. 41<sup>st</sup>. Street  
Bethany, MO 64424  
660-425-7635

**Holt County**

118 W. Davis Street  
Mound City, MO 64470  
660-442-3134

**Nodaway County**

502 W. South Hills Dr.  
Maryville, MO 64468  
660-582-7423

**Platte County**

1207 Branch Street  
Platte City, MO 64079  
816-431-2101

**Worth County**

18 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Grant City, MO 64456  
660-564-3341

**District #1****FSA NEWSLETTER****January 2007**

FSA is required to annually notify producers of many program requirements and policies. This district newsletter contains many of those annual notifications. We will be using a district-wide format for most of the newsletters in the upcoming year due to budget constraints. Using district newsletters will make the information in them less personalized to your individual counties but will reduce our mailing costs for duplicate newsletters for multi-county producers. You may even find some of the district information interesting and useful such as the listing of County Committee members and advisors and County Committee meeting dates by county. The County Committee is the direct link between you, the local producers, and your local FSA office. Other items that all producers need to remember or should be aware of include:

- Sign up for the 2007 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program is underway. Sign up is an annual requirement with a deadline of June 1 of each year. Advance payments equaling 22% of the total payment can be requested in any month with the final payment being issued in October.
- Producers are reminded that farm stored commodity loans must be stored in approved storage structures. FSA personnel must be able to measure, safely inspect and physically enter the structure, for the structure to be acceptable.
- 2006 crop year Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) and commodity loans may be requested through March 31, for wheat and oats and May 31, 2007 for corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum.
- The Missouri Department of Conservation, Holt County FSA, NRCS, SWCD and NW MO Pheasants Forever are sponsoring a quail management field day on March 31 starting at 9:00 AM. The event will be held three miles east of Mound City, MO on Hwy 59 at the Roger Faber farm. Topics to be covered are prescribed burning, edge feathering, shrub planting, food plots, CRP management, etc. Please contact Jim Pierson, Private Land Conservationist at 660-442-3134 Ext 114 with questions and to register.
- Some producers may have or will be receiving a request to complete a survey for FSA about the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL). This survey will be administered to random producers who participate in these programs. The intent of these surveys is to determine the general level of customer satisfaction with DCP and MAL's. Your cooperation in completing these surveys would be greatly appreciated.

**Special Accommodations**

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

**Direct Deposit Mandatory**

As of Jan. 1, 1999, all payments issued by the county FSA office will be by direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) to a pre-designated checking or savings account with your financial institution. Forms are available at the FSA office to sign up for direct deposit if you haven't yet. For those already signed up, it is important that we are notified anytime there is a change in your account number or financial institution. If we aren't notified, future payments can be delayed or lost for a period of time.

**Controlled Substance**

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants.

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## District #1 County Committee Members And Meeting Dates

The following list shows the County Committee members of each county. The names of the members elected to the Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> time and beginning a 3 year term during 2007 are in bold. County Committee meeting dates are notated with an \*.

### **Andrew County**

\* 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

**Karen Strasser**  
Roger Scott  
James Steeby

### **Dekalb County**

\* 1st Friday of the Month

**David Eulinger**  
Ronald Carrel  
John Burton  
Ruth Owen

### **Nodaway County**

\*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Joyce Ecker  
**Richard Fletchall**  
Larry Tobin

### **Atchison County**

\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

Duane Klute  
Craig Heits  
Julie Joesting

### **Gentry County**

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month

Kenneth Hensley  
**David Waltemath**  
Mike Sager  
Jeri Garland

### **Platte County**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

**Kelly Yulich**  
Diana Blankenship  
Brian Fulk

### **Buchanan County**

\*4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month

Erma Giddens  
Travis Klein  
Doug Shephard

### **Harrison County**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

**Ryan Klindt**  
Jan Hagler  
Mike Smith

### **Worth County**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

Vern Mitchell  
Mike Cook  
Mary Ewing

### **Clinton County**

\* 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month

Mary Ann Barmann  
**Jerald Grimes**  
George Silvius

### **Holt County**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month

**Kirby Rosier**  
Dale Holstine  
Karl Noellsch  
Karen Ingram

### **Do You Have a Trust?**

Trusts have become popular in recent years and FSA has certain requirements specific to trusts. FSA will need access to the trust documentation, which shows the trustees, beneficiaries and who has representative capacity. Most producers are under the impression that their trust does not go into effect until the time of their death but in almost all cases the land has been deeded over to the trust. When FSA asks who owns the farm, the producer will in most cases reply that "they" do, but "they do not", the Trust does. Most people do not see the distinction because they operate the Trust using their own social security number. For FSA payment limitation purposes, determinations are made based upon who owns the land and equipment or who provides the capital, labor or management. Some producers still wish to receive payments as an individual, that person would have to be providing significant contributions, not the Trust or another operator. If another operator provides the labor, equipment and capital while the Trust owns the farm, all the individual would be contributing is possibly some management which is not enough to qualify for a payment. The Trust is automatically approved under the landowner provisions. Even though the same social security number is used, for FSA purposes there is a difference between you as an individual and your trust. If you have questions, be sure to contact your local FSA Office.

## Payment Limitation

**Determinations** Producers are reminded that no program benefits may be made until the FSA office has made all the necessary payment limitation and eligibility determinations. Producers will remain ineligible until all the required forms that include information pertaining to their farming operations are provided to the office. The FSA county committee or the producer may initiate the payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations. If the producer requests the determination, the request may be filed anytime before the final date for submitting form CCC-502 (Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review).

**Programs and Payment Limits** The following programs are subject to the following payment limitation.

### Direct and Counter-cyclical Program

- Direct payment for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, rice, sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat - \$40,000 per crop year
- Counter-cyclical payment for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, rice, sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat - \$65,000 per crop year

### Price Support

- Market loan gains, LDPs and commodity loans for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, rice, sorghum, soybeans, upland cotton and wheat - \$75,000 per crop year
- Market loan gains and LDPs for honey, peanuts, mohair or wool - \$75,000 per crop year

### Conservation Programs

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rental and incentive payments - \$50,000 per fiscal year
- Environmental Quality Incentive Payments (EQIP) - \$450,000 through the life of the farm bill

### Other Programs

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) - \$200,000
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) - \$100,000 per crop year
- Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) - There is no payment limitation for MILC. These payments are limited to 2.4 million pounds of production per year.

**Providing Information** Statutory provisions require that all entities--individuals, partnerships, joint operations, corporations, trusts, etc.--provide the names, addresses and ID numbers of the entity's members to the county committee. Also, entities must inform their members of the requirement for designating "permitted entities" for payment purposes. Spouses may be considered separate "persons" for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and all the applicable requirements to be determined a "person" are met.

## Foreign Landowner Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

## Signature Policy for Spouses

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office from either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule. For example, spouses may not sign FSA-211s on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Spouses must have a power of attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as promissory notes. A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle a spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

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### **Bank Account Changes?**

As of Jan. 1, 1999, all FSA payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers.

### **Reporting Farm Changes**

It is also the producer's responsibility to notify FSA of ANY changes in their farming operation or entity status throughout the year. Changes that may affect a determination include, but are not limited to a change in contract shares of a contract which may reflect change of land lease from cash rent to share rent or from share rent to cash rent; modification of a variable/fixed bushel rent arrangement; a change in the size of the producer's farming operation by the addition or deletion of a farm; a change in the structure of the farming operation, including any change in the member's shares; a change in the contributions of farm inputs of capital, equipment, active personal labor, or active personal management; and a change of farming interest not previously disclosed on CCC-502 or update, including the farming interests of a spouse or minor child.

### **Conservation Compliance**

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops such as soybeans, and changing or removing existing conservation practices. It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying - tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.

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