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# *District 3 FSA News*

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## **Committee Elections**

Nominations are being accepted for candidates to serve on the Farm Service Agency Committee until Tuesday, August 1. Nomination forms are available at your local FSA office or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/Default.asp>.

Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help make decisions necessary to administer federal farm programs offered in their communities. County committees make decisions on agricultural issues such as commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster payments and employing county executive directors.

If you participate or cooperate in programs administered by FSA and live in the local administrative area conducting an election, you may be nominated for candidacy for a committee. You can obtain a complete list of eligibility requirements by visiting the county office or online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/cocelig06htm>

Keep the following important dates in mind during the 2006 county committee election process:

- The nomination period ends August 1.
- Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3. The last day to return voted ballots to the county office is Dec. 4.
- Newly elected county committee members take office Jan. 1, 2007.

## **Crop Acreage Reports**

July 31, 2006 is the final date to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, CRP and other land uses. Planting dates are also required for 2006.

Crop reports are required if the farm will be requesting farm program benefits such as DCP and Counter Cyclical payments, as well as loan deficiency payments.

## **Conservation Reserve Program/Summer 2006**

Managed Haying and Grazing CRP acres may be hayed or grazed if program guidelines are followed.

- Must be requested and approved in advance
- 25% payment reduction for acres utilized
- Harvested after July 15, 2006

## **CRP Maintenance**

Producers should review the conservation plans for performance of maintenance to remain in compliance. Disking, burning, and spraying are to be done within the dates set forth in the conservation plan. On contracts enrolled prior to signup 26, mowing should only be done after July 15 and before August 15. Only 1/2 to 1/3 of each field can be mowed. It is each producer's responsibility to maintain CRP acreage as required.

## **2006 Grain Loans**

Loan rates have been announced for spring crops at the following rates:  
Corn 2.00/bu G Sorghum 3.48/cwt  
Soybeans 5.16/bu

Interest rates vary from county to county. The July interest rate is 6.125% for grain loans. Loans mature 9 months from the end of the month of disbursement.

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### Removal of Loan Collateral

If you have grain under CCC loan, you must request authorization before removing grain by contacting the county office.

### Loan Deficiency Payments

For 2006, filing a CCC-633EZ form or eLDP online requests are the only way to request an LDP. Many producers have signed a CCC-633EZ from while reporting crops at their FSA office. However it is the producer's responsibility to ensure the CCC-633EZ has been filed. By completing page one of CCC-633EZ a producer can assure themselves that grain sold will receive the LDP rate in effect on that day. In many cases, these will be field direct sales. In order to receive an LDP rate on a specific day on stored grain, page 2 will need to be completed and submitted to county office before beneficial interest is lost. Corn producers that harvest silage or green chop should check with the county office for details of LDP eligibility.

Wool and honey producers also qualify for LDP benefits.

### COC meeting Dates

Clark	3rd Thursday	8:30 AM
Knox	1st Tuesday	8:30 AM
Lewis	2nd Thursday	8:00 AM
Macon	2nd Monday	8:00 AM
Marion	2nd Tuesday	8:00 AM
Monroe	2nd Wednesday	9:00 AM
Ralls	1st Thursday	9:00 AM
Randolph	3rd Thursday	8:00 AM
Scotland	3rd Wednesday	9:00 AM
Shelby	3rd Wednesday	8:00 AM

### Grain Storage Loans

Loans are available for the construction or remodeling of bins for grain storage. Permanent structures and affixed drying and handling equipment are eligible. New conventional cribs, new or remanufactured oxygen limiting structures and silos also may be eligible.

The loans are for 7 years, with a fixed interest rate, and a maximum amount of \$100,000. 85% of the cost is the eligible loan amount.

The interest rate is 5.0% for loans approved during July.

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