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District 3 News

2007 DCP Sign-up Started October 1st

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) began on October 1, 2006. The contract to participate, Form CCC-509, must be submitted by June 1, 2007, to be considered timely. All owners and operators on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Advance payments of 22% of the direct DCP payment are available upon request payable as early as December 2006.

DCP contracts are required to be signed each year a producer wants to participate. Producers must file the following to be eligible for DCP payments: annual DCP contract (CCC-509), a farm-operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms), an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526), a certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026).

A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is also needed before final payments can be issued.

509 forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2007, but before Sept. 30, 2007, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-filing fee of \$100.

2007 DCP signup will take additional time because county offices will be obtaining additional documents so please plan accordingly.

Visit our Web Site <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Grain Loans

Grain loans are an advantageous way to obtain capital at harvest and market grain later in the year.

Provisions of loan program include:

- Producer must have had a risk in the crop to be eligible and have appropriate eligibility and application forms on file before harvest of the crop.
- Farm does not have to be participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), but must be in compliance with Conservation Compliance provisions.
- CCC loans mature on the last day of the 9th month following the month of disbursement. (A loan disbursed in November will have a maturity date of August 31, 2007.)
- Lien searches must be conducted and lien waivers obtained from all lien holders on file.
- If new grain is going to be commingled with other producer's grain, all producers need to sign a CCC-655 form before the loan is disbursed.

2006 Loan Deficiency Payments

Crop prices have risen through harvest and right out of LDP range. However, there were some days in September we were paying on soybeans and in August for corn. If you lost beneficial interest in your crop early in harvest check with you local office for more details.

Payments

Final 2005 Counter-Cyclical (CC) payments were issued in September to producers with a grain sorghum base and final corn 2005 CC payments were issued in October. Also in October, producers received their final 2005 direct DCP payments. No advance counter cyclical payments for the 2006 marketing year will be issued for any crops due to higher market prices.

CRP annual rental payments were paid in October. If you participate in CRP and DCP programs and you believe you have not received your payment contact your local office.

Disaster Debt Set-Aside Program

When Farm Service Agency borrowers who are located in designated disaster areas or contiguous counties are unable to make their scheduled payments on any debt, we are authorized to consider setting aside some payments to allow the operation to continue.

When the county in which a borrower farms or ranches is designated as a disaster area, or a contiguous county, by the president or secretary, farmers or ranchers presently indebted to the agency, who may be eligible, are notified about the Debt Set-Aside Program. Borrowers who are notified have eight months from the date of designation to apply.

To be eligible, the borrower must be unable to pay all family living and farm operating expenses, payments to other creditors and payments to FSA as a direct result of the disaster. The borrower must have operated a farm or ranch in a county designated as a disaster area or in a contiguous county.

For more information on the Disaster Set-Aside Program, check out the fact sheet online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/debtset02.htm>.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a joint Federal-State land retirement conservation program targeted to address local, State and Nationally significant agriculture-related environmental concerns. The counties in our district eligible for CREP are Audrain, Knox, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Ralls and Shelby.

Under the CREP agreement, landowners may enroll eligible land into the program for 14-15 years. The land must be removed from agricultural production and established to an approved vegetative cover as recommended by FSA and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). In return, landowners receive the annual rental payments, plus cost-share assistance for up to 50 percent of the county average cost to establish the approved cover. In addition, state-funded incentive payments of \$125-\$325 per acre are available.

For land to be eligible, it must have been owned or operated for at least one year prior to enrollment and must be physically and legally capable of being cropped. Although the program normally targets land with cropping history, pasture land adjacent to streams, ponds or other water source may be enrolled.

For more information contact the USDA Service Center.

County Committee Election

Just a reminder: Be watching your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early November. Ballots will be mailed beginning Nov. 3 to all eligible voters. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the county office by the close of business on Dec. 4. Get involved, vote!

FSA Farm Loans Available For Beginning Farmers or Rancher

Beginning farmers or ranchers can get a "regular" farm ownership loan by using funds set aside especially for them by the Farm Service Agency. These loans finance up to 100 percent of the land's purchase price (up to the \$200,000 loan limit), and the term of the loan can be up to 40 years.

The interest rate can be 5.625 percent, or the "limited resource" rate of 5.00 percent.

The regular farm ownership loan funds may also be used in joint financing where FSA lends up to 50 percent of the amount financed and another lender provides 50 percent or more. FSA may charge an interest rate of not less than 4 percent with terms up to 40 years. All FLP loans are approved subject to availability of funds.

Qualification: Beginning farmer applicants must have been farming for at least three years and not more than ten. Applicants cannot own real estate that exceeds 30 percent of the average farm size for the county.

Beginning Farmer Down Payment Ownership Program (10-40-50)

Purpose: Obtain help financing the purchase of a farm up to \$250,000 of the purchase price or the appraised value whichever is less. The applicant must put down 10 percent. The Farm Service Agency finances up to 40 percent of the purchase price. The remaining 50 percent of the purchase price can be financed on contract with the seller or through a conventional lender. The lender can obtain a guarantee from FSA if customer is eligible.

Rates: The FSA loan for 40 percent will be locked in for the full 15 years. Currently the rate is 4 percent. The loan for the balance of 50 percent should be the rate the contract holder or lender would charge an average customer. All FLP loans are approved subject to availability of funds.

Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report changes to your local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed and all landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Producers in the counties of Monroe, Macon, Ralls and Shelby that are affected by the Hwy 36 expansion will need to provide the map provided to you by MoDot.

Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm programs.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The seven year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment or remodeling existing facilities.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required.

For details, contact your local FSA Office.

Power of Attorney for DCP/eLDP

FSA now has the ability to establish a representative role for an individual to submit electronic eLDP and DCP applications on behalf of an owner or producer. The individual entitled to act for the owner or producer must have an unlimited power of attorney on file with the Farm Service Agency. Producers or individuals having unlimited power of attorney can request eLDP/DCP access at their local FSA office.

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Selling Land?

If you're planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date. Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

Acreage Spot Check Determinations and Notification

Each year the Farm Service Agency completes spot checks of acreage reports. Acreage reports are the basis for delivery of many farm programs. Acreage spot checks are completed to ensure accurate acreage reports are used for farm programs. FSA will spot check acreages on over 10 percent of the farms in each county. Color imagery flown in August 2006 will be used to complete all acreage determinations. All 2006 acreage spot checks will be completed using the FSA Geographic Information System official acreages. After farms are spot checked, a Notice of Determined Acreage will be sent to the farm operator. Producer notifications will be issued by FSA as spot checks are completed. Questions concerning determined acres should be directed to your local FSA office for clarification.

Dates to Remember	
Oct. 1	2007 DCP sign up begins
Nov. 3	County committee ballots mailed to voters
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 4	Last day to return county committee election ballots
Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday
Jan. 1	New Years Holiday



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