



District 4 Newsletter

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Farm Service Agency

June 2006

Wheat, Oat, and Barley Acreage Reports

The deadline for reporting sown acreages of 2006 wheat, oats, and barley is **June 30, 2006**. The report should be filed in the county where the farm's FSA records are maintained. Be prepared to show on aerial photography where the crop is sown and to certify the acres. If you are unsure of the acres, you may request an FSA measurement service. There is a minimal fee for the service, however. Filing an acreage report is a Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) requirement.

****Note: You will be asked to provide the date the commodity was sown, which should match the date reported to your crop insurance representative****

Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

NAP provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters. NAP covers non-insurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters. Landowners, tenants, or sharecroppers who share in the risk of producing an eligible crop are eligible. Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food, including livestock feed or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is unavailable. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled-environment crops (mushroom and floriculture), specialty crops (honey and maple sap), and value loss crops (aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, ornamental nursery, and turf grass sod). Producers covered by NAP should report crop acreage shortly after planting. Any loss due to natural disaster must be reported within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster occurred or damage to the crop becomes apparent. Producers should notify the FSA office by completing part B, Notice of Loss on Form CCC-576, Application for Payment.

Graze Out for Small Grains

Producers with 2006 crop wheat, oats, barley, or triticale, who choose to graze-out acreages of the commodity with livestock, are eligible for price support payments. The producer must agree to forgo any other harvesting on the designated acreage. The payment rate will be the LDP rate in effect on the date the CCC-633-GRAZING form is filed. Applications cannot be withdrawn or cancelled once submitted.



The application period begins on the first day the crop is normally mechanically harvested as determined by each County FSA Committee and ends March 31, 2007.

CRP 20th Anniversary

In March of 1986, FSA enrolled 753,668 acres under 9,407 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts. Since then, CRP's goals and accomplishments have broadened considerably.

Through CRP General and Continuous Sign-up initiatives, FSA has 424,000 contract holders and more than 35 million acres enrolled nationwide. The various CRP practices help protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water.

2006 County Committee Election Approaches

It's county committee election time, and since this only happens once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each LAA contributes one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Most counties are divided into three LAAs.

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election.

There are three steps in the election process: (1) the call for nominations, (2) the election, and (3) the installation of new committee member.

Nominations for candidates to run for the FSA's county committee election will be accepted from **June 15 through Aug. 1, 2006**. Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election, who participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and are of legal voting age may be nominated. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates.

A nomination form FSA-699A is available at your local FSA office. You may download the form from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo/>.

2006 District 4 County Committee Elections

County	LAA	Townships
Carroll	1	Washington, Fairfield, Hill, Leslie, Stokes Mound, Van Horn, Hurricane
Chariton	1	Bee Branch, Cockrell, Wayland, Salisbury
Cooper	2	Blackwater, Boonville, Lamine, Saline
Henry	3	Tebo, Windsor, Deer Creek, Springfield, Bethlehem, Leesville, Osage
Howard	2	Chariton, Richmond
Johnson	2	Centerview, Kingsville, Madison, Montserrat, Warrensburg
Lafayette	3	Dover, Middleton, Davis
Ray/Clay	1	Orrick, Camden, South Richmond
Saline	2	Grand Pass, Marshall, Miami

FSA is on the Web
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/mo>

Saline County's 3rd Annual Women in Ag Conference

Participants came from as far away as Texas and Kansas to attend the Women in Ag conference held at Malta Bend High School in Saline County on April 14.



MDC's stream trailer, one of the exhibits at the conference, is a working model of a Missouri stream. It demonstrates a variety of stream processes, such as, erosion, power of flowing water, and stream conservation. Observers can actually watch changes in stream banks and river channels in response to channelization, cutting of streamside trees, or filling of a stream channel.

The daylong conference, sponsored by USDA and University of Missouri Extension Office, started off with a presentation on "Fantabulous Soybeans – Value Added Opportunities" given by Alex Stemme from the Missouri Soybean Association.

Afterwards, everyone broke into groups for various sessions covering topics such as "Conservation Program Opportunities for Landowners," "Soybeans in the Kitchen," "Leases and Business Agreements," "Missouri Fence Laws," and "Estate Planning for Ag Landowners." There were also sessions on soybean protein and human health, retirement planning and grain marketing.

All who attended really enjoyed themselves and felt the conference was very informative.

Outreach Program

The Farm Service Agency makes direct and guaranteed loans to socially disadvantaged applicants, enabling them to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. Funds are reserved each year specifically for these loans, but regular loan funds can also be used.

A socially disadvantaged person is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Contact the county office staff for details about this program.

Attention Howard County Producers

A Farm Loan Program representative will be in the Howard County FSA Office every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Sign-Up

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Environmentally desirable land devoted to certain conservation practices may be enrolled in CRP at any time under continuous sign-up. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements. Offers for continuous sign-up are not subject to competitive bidding. Continuous sign-up contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration. For continuous sign-up, the effective date of the CRP contract is the first day of the month following the month of approval.

To be eligible for CRP continuous sign-up enrollment, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer unless: the land was acquired due to the previous owner's death; or the ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right or redemption in accordance with state law.

To be eligible for placement in CRP, land must be either:

- ◆ Cropland (including field margins) that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity 4 of the previous 6 crop years from 1996 to 2001, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or
- ◆ Certain marginal pastureland that is enrolled in the Water Bank Program or suitable for use as a riparian buffer or for similar water quality purposes.

The land must be eligible and suitable for any of the following conservation practices:

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| ◆ Riparian buffers | ◆ Grass waterways |
| ◆ Wildlife habitat buffers | ◆ Shelterbelts |
| ◆ Wetland buffers | ◆ Living snow fences |
| ◆ Filter strips | ◆ Contour grass strips |
| ◆ Wetland restoration | ◆ Salt tolerant vegetation and |

FSA provides CRP continuous sign-up participants with rental payments, including any incentives, and cost share assistance. The maximum CRP rental rate for each offer is calculated in advance of enrollment. Cost share is provided to participants who establish approved cover on eligible cropland. The cost share assistance can be an amount not more than 50 percent of the participants' cost in establishing approved practices.

For more information on Continuous CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit FSA's web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities. All Farm Storage Facility Loans have a seven-year term 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. For details, contact the county office staff. Information is available on the Farm Service Agency's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/fsfl.htm>.

Farm Record Changes

Any ownership, operator, or address changes should be reported timely to the FSA office to keep records current. Adding or dropping a farming interest will also require you to update your conservation plan and payment limitation requirements.

District 4 Service Centers

Jasper Grant,
District Director
(573)876-0925

Carroll County FSA Office

Chuck Riley, CED
Annette Brandt, FLM
1405 Hwy 65 North, Suite A
Carrollton, MO 64633
(660)542-8732

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Chariton County FSA Office

Allen Powell, CED
Robert K. Hardwick, FLM
104 South J.F.K. Avenue
Keytesville, MO 65261
(660)288-3279

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Cooper County FSA Office

Mark Hultgren, CED
Jct. 87 & I-70 17066 Highway 87
Boonville, MO 65233
(660)882-5647

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Henry County FSA Office

Bill Spry, CED
1306 North 2nd Street
Clinton, MO 64735
(660)885-5567

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Howard County FSA Office

Brian McDonald, CED
743 State Route DD
Fayette, MO 65248
(660)248-3384

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Johnson County FSA Office

Larry Olson, CED
727 PCA Road Suite A
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660)747-8400

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Lafayette County FSA Office

Stanton Thompson, CED
Brian Bagnell, FLM
120 W. 19th Street
Higginsville, MO 64037
(660)584-8732

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Ray/Clay County FSA Office

Cindy Epperson, CED
500 Wollard Blvd.
Richmond, MO 64085
(816)776-5861

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Saline County FSA Office

Everette Wood, CED
704 N. Miami
Marshall, MO 65340
(660)886-7447

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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Jct. 87 & I-70
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2006 Loan Deficiency Payments

Last year millions of dollars were disbursed to producers in District 4 who requested Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). In 2005, FSA rolled out a new, streamlined LDP process that included a new application form CCC-633 EZ. This form will be the only one accepted in 2006. The following is provided as a review of the new process and explains how, and when, pages of the new form should be submitted.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 1)

- A single Page 1 signed by the producer covers all farms and all LDP eligible commodities in all counties, and *should be* filed before harvest or shearing. It *must* be filed before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost.
- A Page 1 can be submitted to any FSA Office.
- The Page 1 only indicates the producer's intention to receive future LDP benefits and *is not* a request for payment.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 2) – Feed Grains, Minor Oilseeds, and Pulses

- A separate Page 2 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested on a designated quantity of grain.
- A Page 2 can be submitted after the grain is harvested and while it is in storage.
- The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day the Page 2 is received.
- A Page 2 can be submitted after beneficial interest is lost. The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day(s) beneficial interest was lost.

CCC-633 EZ (Page 4) – Wool, Mohair and Unshorn Pelts

- A separate Page 4 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested for wool, mohair, or unshorn pelts.

Many producers are visiting their servicing FSA Office to file their 2006 acreage reports after spring planting. These visits are a great opportunity to file the required CCC-633 EZ (Page 1), and to get a more detailed explanation on how the Page 2 process works. **For 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ will be the only LDP form accepted.**

Johnson, Lafayette, and Ray County Women Landowners

Mark Your Calendar

The 6th annual "Women as Landowners and Landowner Partners" informational seminar will be held **July 25** in Concordia, MO beginning at 2:30 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Rainfall Data

County	March 2006 Actual	March 2006 Average	April 2006 Actual	April 2006 Average
Carroll	2.32	2.76	4.03	3.76
Chariton	3.55	2.79	2.69	3.62
Clay	1.96	2.33	3.21	3.29
Cooper	4.02	2.89	3.39	3.93
Henry	3.93	3.14	5.68	3.88
Howard	3.14	3.07	2.72	3.73
Johnson	3.78	3.78	4.78	4.00
Lafayette	3.30	2.54	4.07	3.84
Ray	2.86	2.81	3.26	3.80
Saline	3.42	3.06	3.58	3.90

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