



The “U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Action, 2007” signed into law in May included funding for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LCP applies to producers who experienced feed losses in 2005 and 2006 because of weather conditions.

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007. LIP is only available in counties authorized to offer the program. A list of LIP counties may be found at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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- ◆ The livestock must be:
 - Adult beef cows or bulls.*
 - Non-adult beef cattle, 500 lbs. or more.*
 - Adult dairy cows or bulls.*
 - Non-adult dairy cattle, 500 lbs. or more.*
 - Goats.*
 - Sheep.*
 - Swine.*
 - Equine.*
- ◆ The livestock must have been produced for commercial purposes as a part of the farming operation.
- ◆ The producer must have owned, or cashed leased, the livestock on Jan. 1, 2005 or Jan.1, 2006.
- ◆ The producer’s average adjusted gross income (AGI) can not exceed \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.
- ◆ Producers cannot receive benefits for both years. During the application process the producer will be advised of the benefits available for each year.
- ◆ The 2006 payment calculation will be reduced by the amount received through the Livestock Assistance Grant Program.
- ◆ Loss of hay or feed grain yields do not qualify for LCP. These losses may qualify for the Crop Disaster Program.

- ◆ Eligible livestock include beef cattle, buffalo, dairy cattle, catfish, chickens, deer, ducks, equine, geese, goats, reindeer, sheep, swine, and turkeys.
- ◆ The livestock must have died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster event.
- ◆ The livestock must have been maintained for a commercial operation on the day they died.
- ◆ The livestock cannot have been produced for reasons other than commercial farming.
- ◆ Payments are calculated by multiplying a national payment rate for each livestock category by the number of eligible livestock in each category.
- ◆ Producers must provide supporting documents showing evidence of loss, current physical location of livestock in inventory, and location of the livestock at the time of death.
- ◆ The producer must provide adequate proof the eligible livestock deaths occurred in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster such as veterinarian records, bank or other loan records, and rendering truck receipts.
- ◆ A third party can certify to the livestock losses if specific conditions are met.
- ◆ The producer’s average adjusted gross income (AGI) can not exceed \$2.5 million for the three years immediately preceding the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.

Producers should contact their servicing FSA Office to see if an appointment is necessary. A sign-up deadline has not yet been announced. Producers will certify to the number of eligible livestock in inventory on Jan. 1, 2005 and Jan. 1, 2006. Current inventory does not apply to LCP. Producers must also certify to the acres of pasture owned or rented.

Producers are encouraged to contact their servicing FSA Office for more information. An enrollment deadline has not yet been announced.

Expiring CRP Contracts

This past summer CRP participants were given the option to re-enroll or extend certain CRP contracts that were scheduled to expire between 2007 through 2010. Those participants who did not choose to re-enroll or extend their contracts need to be very aware as to when their land comes out of CRP. **Only the CRP land that expired on September 30, 2007 can be farmed for the 2008 year.** If participants do decide to farm their expired CRP ground, they will need to go to NRCS to update their farm plans.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Ballots have been mailed to eligible voters in the Local Administrative Areas (LAA) listed in the chart below. Ballots must be returned by December 4, 2007. The winning candidate in each county will begin their 3-year term on January 1, 2008. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO VOTE...IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE.

| COUNTY | LAA | TOWNSHIPS | CANDIDATES |
|-----------|-------|---|--|
| Benton | LAA 2 | Cole, Lindsey, Southwest | Kenneth Eckhoff |
| Carroll | LAA 2 | Cherry Valley, Egypt, Moss Creek, Prairie, Sugar Tree, Trotter, Wakenda | Roger Kaiser |
| Cooper | LAA 2 | Clear Creek, Kelly, Lebanon, Otterville, Pilot Grove | Darrell E Spaedy Joe Stoecklein |
| Chariton | LAA 2 | Brunswick, Cunningham, Mendon, Salt Creek, Triplett, Yellow Creek | James E Stewart |
| Clay | LAA 4 | Fishing River, Washington | Renee Rhodes-Cull |
| Henry | LAA 1 | Big Creek, Bogard, Fields Creek, Honey Creek, Shawnee, White Oak | Dianna Emick |
| Howard | LAA 3 | Boonslick, Franklin, Moniteau | Wanda Sue Sherry |
| Johnson | LAA 3 | Chilhowee, Jefferson, Post Oak, Rose Hill, Washington | Darlene Buckstead |
| Lafayette | LAA 1 | Clay, Lexington | Howard Block Colgene Gilbert Gene Luehrman |
| Pettis | LAA 2 | Dresden, Elk Fork, Flat Creek, Green Ridge, Prairie, Washington | Charles Elliot John T Rissler |
| Ray | LAA 3 | Crooked River, Grape Grove, Knoxville | Kenneth Burns |
| Randolph | LAA 3 | North Sugar Creek, South Sugar Creek, Union | Richard Westhues |
| Saline | LAA 3 | Blackwater, Elmwood, Liberty, Salt Pond | Donald Boland |

A strong response to the entire committee election process gives landowners, farmers, and ranchers a better chance of having their opinions and ideas expressed in the community, throughout FSA, and throughout the Nation. Do your part and vote!

District 4 Service Centers

Jasper Grant, District Director
(573)876-0925

Benton County FSA Office

Annette Steelman, CED
Steven Lair, FLM
535 North Hwy 65
Lincoln, MO 65338
(660)547-2351
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Cooper County FSA Office

Connie Gibson, 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)

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)

Randolph County FSA Office

Eddie Mckeown, CED
Michael Arnold, FLM
2995 County Rd 1325
Moberly, MO 65270
(660)263-1169
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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)

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)

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

Jarrell Foreman, CED
500 Wollard Blvd.
Richmond, MO 64085
(816)776-5861
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Chariton County FSA Office

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)

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)

Pettis County FSA Office

Jay O'Bannon, CED
Steven Lair, FLM
1407 W. 32nd Street
Sedalia, MO 65301
(660)826-3339
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

Saline County FSA Office

Jared Singer, CED
704 N. Miami
Marshall, MO 65340
(660)886-7447
Office Hours: 7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)

36th 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 of redemption in accordance with state law.

To be eligible for continuous 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**
- ◆ land physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner. Certain marginal pastureland that is enrolled in the Water Bank Program or is suitable for use as a riparian buffer or for similar water quality purposes is also eligible.

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

- ~Riparian buffers
- ~Wildlife habitat buffers
- ~Wetland buffers
- ~Filter strips
- ~Wetland restoration
- ~Grass waterways
- ~Living snow fences
- ~Shelterbelts
- ~Contour grass strips
- ~Salt tolerant vegetation
- ~Shallow water areas for wildlife.

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.

As a part of annual rental payments, FSA offers financial incentives of up to 20 percent of the soil rental rate for field windbreaks, grass waterways, filter strips, and riparian buffers. An additional 10 percent may be added to the soil rental rate for land located within EPA designated wellhead protection areas. A per acre payment rate may also be added for maintenance of eligible practices.

Also, as a part of annual rental payments, FSA offers participants the following payment enhancements:

- ◆ An up front signing incentive payment (CRP SIP) of \$100 to \$150 per acre for eligible participants who enroll in certain practices. The SIP will be made after the contract is approved and all payment eligibility criteria are met.
- ◆ A practice incentive payment (CRP PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation costs for eligible participants who enroll certain practices. The one-time PIP will be issued after the practice is installed, eligible costs are verified, and other payment eligibility criteria are met.

For more information on Continuous CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit FSA's web site www.fsa.usda.gov.

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WOMEN IN AG & AG LANDOWNER'S CONFERENCE

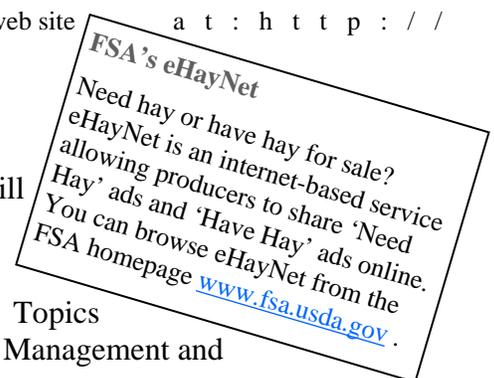
The 5th Annual Women in Agriculture and Ag Landowner's Conference will take place Friday, March 14, 2008, at the Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Marshall, Mo.

This year's theme is "Farm & Family Profitability, More than Irish Luck". Topics will be the new farm bill, USDA's Loan and Conservation programs, Risk Management and software for financial management.

The conference is a joint venture between the Saline County Commission, University of MO Extension, Saline County USDA Service Center, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts from Carroll, Chariton, Howard and Saline Counties.

This day-long event has always been very popular with attendees coming from all points of Missouri and as far away as Texas.

To register, send \$12 (to cover lunch and session materials) to the Saline County Extension Center, 353 South Lafayette, Marshall, Mo. 65340 or call (660) 886-6908.



District 4
Jct. 87 & I-70
17066 Highway 87
Boonville, MO 65233-9640

'05, '06, '07 Crop Disaster Program

Last May Congress passed an Appropriations Act that included a Crop Disaster Program (CDP) intended to provide benefits to farmers who suffered production losses because of a natural disaster occurring in 2005, 2006, or 2007. FSA Offices in the district are now taking applications for CDP.

The following are the basic eligibility requirements:

- Producers must have obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program for the year
- The production loss must exceed 35% of the expected production of the insured unit.
- FSA will use crop insurance loss records obtained through the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) to determine eligibility.
- If insurance loss records are not available, the producer must provide verifiable and reliable records to substantiate the loss.

If a qualifying loss occurred in more than one year on the unit, the payment will be based on the year for which benefits are highest.

Customers are encouraged to contact their servicing FSA Office to see if an appointment is necessary. A sign-up deadline has not yet been announced.

Rainfall

The following rainfall data was recorded at FSA Offices within District 4.

| County | July Actual | July Avg. | August Actual | August Avg. | Sept. Actual | Sept. Avg. | Oct. Actual | Oct. Avg. |
|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Benton | 1.57 | 3.78 | 1.19 | 3.49 | 5.70 | 4.00 | 3.38 | 3.59 |
| Carroll | 1.17 | 4.24 | 2.65 | 3.79 | 2.54 | 4.33 | 6.06 | 3.46 |
| Chariton | 0.53 | 4.01 | 4.91 | 3.85 | 2.97 | 4.16 | 7.20 | 3.27 |
| Clay | 0.43 | 3.96 | 1.75 | 3.60 | 3.67 | 4.41 | 6.26 | 3.31 |
| Cooper | 1.55 | 3.74 | 1.77 | 4.25 | 0.94 | 4.26 | 4.63 | 3.42 |
| Henry | 7.03 | 3.86 | 3.34 | 3.91 | 4.54 | 4.42 | 5.73 | 3.66 |
| Howard | 1.22 | 3.53 | 1.77 | 4.01 | 1.34 | 3.86 | 4.89 | 3.13 |
| Johnson | 2.58 | 4.13 | 1.45 | 3.80 | 1.86 | 4.52 | 5.69 | 3.46 |
| Lafayette | 2.61 | 3.07 | 1.65 | 4.41 | 1.09 | 3.67 | 5.02 | 3.84 |
| Pettis | 0.56 | 4.44 | 1.41 | 3.58 | 3.27 | 3.94 | 5.42 | 3.65 |
| Randolph | 1.12 | 4.10 | 3.75 | 3.67 | 2.52 | 4.04 | 2.73 | 3.17 |
| Ray | 0.78 | 4.37 | 3.15 | 3.50 | 2.93 | 4.59 | 5.63 | 3.08 |
| Saline | 1.04 | 3.69 | 3.90 | 3.41 | 1.99 | 4.47 | 5.84 | 3.56 |

FSA Kids Website
Looking for a wholesome computer website for your children or students? Go to www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids. This "kid friendly" website is loaded with games, activities and information about food and agriculture.

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