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2007 DCP Sign-Up Ends August 3

- ◆ The annual sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program has been extended through August 3, 2007.
- ◆ Farm producers must sign a new DCP contract (CCC-509) each year on every participating farm they own or operate prior to receiving any payment.
- ◆ Please contact your county office to sign your 2007 contract.
- ◆ A late fee of \$100 per farm will be assessed for DCP contracts enrolled after August 3, 2007

Corn, Milo, Soybean, Hay, CRP Reports Due by July 31

County offices are taking crop reports with planting dates on corn, soybeans, milo and hay acres. Producers will also report CRP and permanent pasture acres at this time. **Double Crop Soybean reports are also due at this time.**

A complete acreage report on all cropland must be filed in order to receive program payments. The final reporting date on all cropland is July 31, 2007. The deadline for small grains was June 30, 2007.

Reminders: Check planted acres, planting dates and crop shares. Acreage and shares should be consistent with crop insurance, crop sales receipts and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Programs. Program benefits may depend on shares being reported correctly.



Managed Haying, Grazing CRP Acres

Managed haying or grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres is an option for CRP participants. Haying is permitted from July 16th– October 15th and grazing from July 16–November 15th, but not on the same acres. Acreage hayed/grazed in either of the last 2 years is ineligible for release this year. The hay may be sold and the pasture leased if the CRP participants does not need the acres for their own livestock.

Before the county committee can allow haying or grazing, there must be an approved haying and grazing plan. A 25 percent payment reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed. Sign up at your county office to hay and graze CRP acres.

Maturing General CRP Contracts:

CRP cover may be destroyed beginning July 1 of the final year of the General CRP contract only to begin preparation of a seedbed for fall-seeded crops. CRP participants with certain expiring acres, who intend to destroy cover for preparation for spring or fall-seeded crops will need a pre-authorization from FSA. There is not a payment reduction for the CRP acres, however the participant will be in violation if they fail to plant a fall-seeded crop in a normal manner.

The request can be submitted anytime during the final year of the contract and authorization can only be granted after a completed CRP-1G (Modification to Allow Early Preparation) is reviewed and approved. Additional details are available at the county offices.

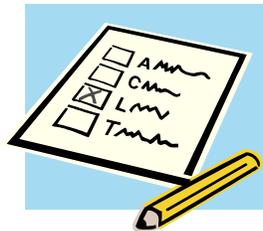
CRP Buffer Strips Expiring in 2007

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants with continuous buffer and filter strips expiring September 2007 have received letters mailed from Kansas City. This letter notifies the participants that the acres may be re-enrolled, if eligible, for a new 10-15 year contract. All new CRP contracts require new conservation plans to be developed, some involving contract maintenance. The new contracts will have the new rental rates, too.

To ensure the re-enrolled contract acres will begin October 1, 2007, submit a contract offer before August 1, 2007.

County Committee Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office committees (COC) is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. FSA committee persons are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties.



Request nomination forms from your local USDA Service Center or obtain one online at: www.fsa.usda.gov. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A agreeing to serve if elected. Nomination forms for the 2007 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2007.

Congratulations

After 40 years of hard work and dedication...it's time for Karl to take a Permanent Fishing Vacation! Join us as we wish:



**District 5 Director-
Karl Althage
Best Wishes in his Retirement**

Low Interest Grain Loans

Commodity grain loans are available to all farmers growing eligible commodities, regardless of program participation. All farmers may apply for low interest, 9-month loans on 2007 crops stored in an eligible structure. This marketing tool is a great way to utilize some working capital while you wait for local prices to rise, pay off higher interest notes with low interest money, or purchase next years inputs at reduced rates.



Preventing Fraud, Waste

The FSA has joined with the Risk Management Agency to prevent fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA office, or the Office of the Inspector General.

July Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct 5.0 %
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct 5.25%
- ◆ Limited Resource 5.00%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer 4.00%
- ◆ Emergency 3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility 4.625%
- ◆ Commodity Loans 5.875%



Farm Reconstitutions

In FSA offices, farms are generally “constituted” with all tracts having the same operator with the same shares under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. A recons must be requested by August 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program. If 2007 DCP direct payments have already been issued on the farm, the reconstitution will be effective for 2008 unless the payments are refunded.

Required Mid-Contract Management for CRP Acreage

If you enrolled land in CRP after the 26th signup (contracts that became effective October 1, 2003), certain contracts are required to complete a series of mid-contract management practices on the acreage. These practices include: strip disking, prescribed burning or chemical applications. **These management practices are mandatory and there are no waivers or options to void the requirement to complete them.**



There is a certain time period during each year that the management practice must be performed depending on the established cover. These practices were contained in your conservation plan of operation that you completed with NRCS at the time your acreage was enrolled in CRP. Cost-share is available for all three practices and you must report completion of the practice to your FSA office. If you have any questions concerning these management practices contact your local NRSC office or technical service provider (TSP). Penalties for non-compliance are expensive.

2007 Compliance Activities

FSA County Offices perform a variety of compliance reviews and spot checks to ensure the accuracy of payment and integrity of programs each year. Previously, these compliance reviews and spot checks were selected through a variety of processes. Beginning with the 2007 program year, a new compliance review and spot check selection process will be implemented using a statistical sampling method. For 2007, a nationwide selection of producers has been made based on their participation in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) and Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Producers selected through the new selection process will be spot checked and reviewed for compliance with **all programs** in which they participated or received benefits as well as the accuracy of all of their acreage reports.

District 5 Service Centers

Karl Althage,
District Director

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Kim Viers, CED
601 Bus Loop 70W, Suite 213E
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573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547
COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.

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Fulton, MO 65251-5465
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COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 9 am.

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COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:30 am.

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COC Meets 3rd Wed. @ 8:00 am.

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COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am.

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COC Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 9 am.

Montgomery
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St. Louis
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COC Meets:
St. Charles-3rd Wed. @ 9am
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Dates to Remember

July 31

Final Date to Report Planted Crops and Land Uses

August 1

COC Election Nominations Due

August 3

Extended Date to Enroll in DCP Program

September 30

Final Date for 2007 DCP contract Revisions

Ongoing

- ◆ **Reminder - Producers with a FSFL must purchase crop insurance.**
- ◆ **Update Farm Changes.**
- ◆ **Farm Facility Loans.**



The 13th Annual Women in Agriculture State Conference

September 10-12, 2007

Stoney Creek Inn Columbia, Missouri

Workshops on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday Tours to Evergreen Sod Farm in Boone County and the University of Missouri Veterinary School.

Contact Linda Young Phone: 660-882-6347 Fax: 660-882-2877 or E-mail:

linda.young@mo.nacdnet.net for more information



"Take the Tiger by the Tail"

Warren County Office Changes

Long time Warren County CED, Ray Ridder, retired from county office service June 30, 2007. Ray had 35 years of service with FSA. We wish Ray the best of luck as he takes this new journey in life.

Ryan Eddy was named as the new CED for Warren County FSA. Ryan was raised on a family farm in New Madrid County and received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Since college, Ryan has farmed and worked in soybean research before taking the job with FSA. He and his wife, Renae, have a 3 year old son, Austin. Ryan and his family will be moving to Warrenton in the very near future, and look forward to making it their home. "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve the producers of Warren County. The diversity and quality of agriculture here make it a great place to work." Ryan encourages anyone to stop by the office with questions, concerns, or just to say hello.