

Farm Service Agency



DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

Acreage Reporting

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The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To be timely, you must file an acreage report by June 30th for small grains (wheat, oats, and barley), and July 31st for all other crops.

To be considered timely, acreage reports for:

- prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop
- failed acreage must be filed before the disposition of the crop.

We will accept crop certifications from farm operators, farm owners, persons authorized by power of attorney and tenants and sharecroppers, for which they have a share.

We will also accept from all producers crop acreage reports for any purpose.

****Note: You will be asked to provide the date the commodity was planted, so bring your planting dates with you.****

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 Applications cannot be withdrawn or cancelled once submitted.

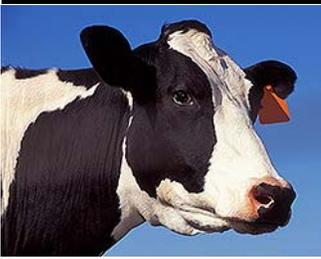
The application period begins on the first day the crop is normally mechanically harvested

Beginning Farmers, Ranchers

Are you a farmer or rancher who has substantially participated in the farming operation for at least three but no more than 10 years? If so, you may qualify for beginning farmer targeted loan funds with Farm Service Agency.

The program is designed to assist these farmers by providing direct and guaranteed loans when they are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources.

If you believe this program could be of benefit to you, please contact the county office staff for more information. Our loan officials will certainly welcome your interest.



MILCX Sign Up Underway

May 17 is the deadline to sign up for the extended Milk Income Loss Contract program, MILCX. Program payments began April 17 for producers who already signed up.

Producers who sign up before May 17, may retroactively select any month from December 2005 through May 2006 as their starting month.

Sign up will continue after May 17, throughout the duration of the program. However, after May 17, producers will not have the option to select a retroactive month for payment for which the payment rate has already been announced.

The Farm Service Agency will make payments on an operation-by-operation basis, up to a maximum of 2.4 million pounds of milk produced and marketed by the dairy operation per fiscal year. From Oct. 1, 2005, through Aug. 31, 2007, a dairy operation's monthly payment will equal the milk quantity sold in that month multiplied by 34 percent of the difference between \$16.94 per hundredweight and that month's domestic Boston Class I milk price.

Eligible dairy producers are those who commercially produce milk in the United States. To receive program approval, producers must enter into a contract with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation to provide monthly marketing data.

Dairy producers can apply for MILC at the FSA county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/>.

2006 Loan Deficiency Payments

Last year millions of dollars were disbursed to producers in District 5 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) – Small Grains, 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.**

2007-2010 CRP Contracts

Phase two of the Conservation Reserve Program Re-enrollment and Extension process is underway. In early April, the county office staff sent notification letters to producers who have a Conservation Reserve Program contract, **CRP-1, expiring between 2008 and 2010**. If you received one of these letters, you have until **June 30th** to let the county office staff know if you want to re-enroll or extend and pay the compliance review fee. If you don't respond by June 30, your CRP-1 will be allowed to expire, as per the date of your current contract.

As with the first phase, phase two REX options depend upon the expiring CRP-1's original modified Environmental Benefits Index score. The EBI score is called "modified" because cost factors were excluded from the EBI and an additional 25 points were added for offers located within a national conservation priority area.

All CRP contracts expiring between Sept. 30, 2008, and Sept. 30, 2010, were ranked by sign-up and sorted into five equal groups based on the modified EBI.

If your modified EBI is in the first group, you will receive an offer to re-enroll your land in a 10- to 15-year contract. If your modified EBI is in one of the other groups, you will receive an offer to extend your contract as follows.

Second Group, eligible for a five-year contract extension; Third Group, eligible for a four-year contract extension; Fourth Group, eligible for a three-year contract extension; and Fifth Group, eligible for a two-year extension.

As always, contact the county office staff for detailed information.

Haying, Grazing CRP Acres

Haying or grazing Conservation Reserve Program acres may be permitted, but you need prior approval from the county committee, and you must have an approved plan. Acres may be hayed or grazed once every three years, and a 25 percent payment reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed.

Haying and grazing is not authorized under managed or emergency provisions during the primary nesting and brood-rearing season, which is May 1st through July 15th.

Detailed information on is available from county office staff.

Removing CCC Loan Collateral

Producers are reminded, if you have grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan it cannot be removed or disposed of without prior county office staff authorization or repayment. The county office staff may issue release authorizations based on a telephone or in person request when you are ready to move the grain. A loan violation is subject to monetary and administrative penalties, such as repaying the loan at principal plus interest, liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and loan deficiency payments.

All commodity loans are subject to spot check. Locking in a market loan repayment rate is not a marketing authorization. If you are planning to move CCC loan grain, contact the county office staff for additional information.

Selected Interest Rates for June 2006	
90-Day Treasury Bill	4.625%
Farm Operating - Direct	5.375%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.500%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4.000%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility	5.000%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6.000%

Official Business

If your address has changed or have any questions about this newsletter please contact your local FSA office. Your address is pulled from your local FSA office database and mailed out to all producers

2006 County Office Loan Rates

County	Soft Wheat	Corn	Soybeans	Grain Sorghum
Audrain	\$2.72/bu.	\$1.95/bu.	\$5.16/bu.	\$3.30/cwt.
Callaway	\$2.71/bu.	\$2.00/bu.	\$5.08/bu.	\$3.30/cwt.
Franklin	\$2.75/bu.	\$2.05/bu.	\$5.12/bu.	\$3.33/cwt.
Iron	\$2.71/bu.	\$2.09/bu.	\$5.10/bu.	\$3.35/cwt.
Jefferson	\$2.79/bu.	\$2.05/bu.	\$5.04/bu.	\$3.42/cwt.
Lincoln	\$2.79/bu.	\$2.03/bu.	\$5.16/bu.	\$3.47/cwt.
Montgomery	\$2.75/bu.	\$2.00/bu.	\$5.11/bu.	\$3.30/cwt.
Pike	\$2.76/bu.	\$1.95/bu.	\$5.17/bu.	\$3.45/cwt.
St. Charles	\$2.79/bu.	\$2.04/bu.	\$5.23/bu.	\$3.41/cwt.
St. Francois	\$2.76/bu.	\$2.05/bu.	\$5.10/bu.	\$3.42/cwt.
St. Louis	\$2.84/bu.	\$2.08/bu.	\$5.27/bu.	\$3.57/cwt.
Ste. Genevieve	\$2.80/bu.	\$2.05/bu.	\$5.15/bu.	\$3.57/cwt.
Warren	\$2.75/bu.	\$2.00/bu.	\$5.15/bu.	\$3.33/cwt.
Washington	\$2.74/bu.	\$2.05/bu.	\$5.10/bu.	\$3.33/cwt.

Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at 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 or recorded land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. 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 program.

Changing Accounts, Banks?

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically these days, using Direct Deposit. The switch has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. Did you know the chances of having a problem with a payment are 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit? Or, that Direct Deposit can be made within 48 hours?

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you've made any changes in accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact us so we can update our files.

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