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Farm Ownership and Operation Changes

Producers are required to notify the office of any changes in their farming operations. The following are examples of the types of changes producers should report

- ◆ **Farm Ownership Changes (this includes transferring your land into a trust)**
- ◆ **Changes in entity structure**
- ◆ **Operator changes**
- ◆ **Changes in land use**

Failure to disclose this information could result in the loss of program benefits. Contact your local office if you intend to make changes in the 2008 program year.

Crop Disaster Program

Only producers who obtained crop insurance will qualify for the program

The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) **signup** is currently underway at your local county office to provide benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops. Losses from natural disasters may qualify for financial assistance if the crop was planted before **Feb. 28, 2007**, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before **Feb. 28, 2007**. Spring planted 2007 crops are **not** eligible for the program.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must will receive benefits for **only one year per the farm's administrative county**. Participants may apply for loss benefits on multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. A payment limitation of \$80,000 per person applies.

Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. Contact your local Farm Service Agency office and set up an appointment today.

Livestock Disaster Programs

The new Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) signups are currently underway. Eligible livestock producers can apply to receive LCP compensation for feed losses or LIP for livestock losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster.

The LCP program provides monetary assistance for livestock feed losses that occurred because of an adverse weather condition, including drought. Producers will be paid the lesser of the total value of pasture loss or a flat payment rate per head (adult beef cattle-\$10.66, non-adult (more than 500lbs)-\$8.00). The national payment rates represent 61% of the cost for corn needed to maintain the specific livestock for 30 days.

The LIP program provides monetary assistance for livestock deaths that occurred because of an adverse weather condition, except drought. The livestock death must have occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. The payment rate is 26% of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by FSA.

Eligible livestock includes beef & dairy cattle, swine, poultry and more. Contact your local FSA office for details.

Wheat, Barley, Oats Reports Currently Being Accepted

County offices are taking crop reports with planting dates on wheat, barley, and oats acres. Producers may also report CRP and permanent pasture acres at this time.



Loans Available for Commodities

Although LDPs for the fall harvest do not appear to be available, producers are reminded of the Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) program. Grain loans are a great tool to use for operating expenses.

To be eligible for commodity loans, you must comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements, report how you use cropland acreage on the farm and ensure that the commodity meets CCC minimum grade and quality standards. Producers must also meet other payment limitation criteria. Keep in mind the following information when requesting a loan:

- ◆ Producers must have beneficial interest in the commodity on the date the loan is requested, and they must retain beneficial interest while the loan is outstanding. *Beneficial interest* means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if you regain beneficial interest.
- ◆ For commodities to be eligible for loans they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition, and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.
- ◆ You do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program to be eligible for loans.
- ◆ Interest rates for loans vary monthly and are based on the month of approval.
- ◆ The loan term is nine months and there is no penalty for early pay off. A market repayment rate will be used, when available, if less than principle and interest. The market gain associated with the repayment of a CCC loan, whether repaid with cash or a commodity certificate will be reported on an IRS Form 1099-G.

Violating provisions of the loan and LDP program may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans and LDPs. **The most common loan violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.**



Producers are reminded to stay safe during the harvest season.

New District Director Hired for District 5

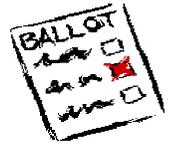
Michelle Motley was hired as the new District Director for District Five. She has replaced former District Director, Karl Althage who retired from the Agency in August.



If Michelle looks familiar to you there may be a reason for that. She was formally the CED in Boone County and most recently worked in the Conservation Section at the FSA State Office. We welcome Michelle to District Five.

County Committee Elections

Election ballots will be mailed from Kansas City to eligible voters for this year's County Committee elections beginning November 2nd. Voters will have until Dec. 3rd to return their ballots to the county office. In some county offices, there will only be one name on the ballot. Producers may write-in candidates not on the ballot. **Please complete the ballot per the instructions. Ballots without signatures are invalid.** We encourage any producer, including women and minorities to vote and elect the committee member that will represent you. The FSA County Committee serves as the governing body for FSA programs.



To be eligible to vote in this year's election the following criteria has to be met:

- ◆ The voter is of legal voting age and participates or cooperates in any FSA program, or
- ◆ The voter is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operation on an entire farm.
- ◆ The voter must also be eligible to participate in any FSA program provided by law, regardless of funding status.
- ◆ The voter must be an eligible voter in the Local Administrative Area.

If you have questions about your voter eligibility contact your local office staff.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Do you need more storage capability for your farming operation? Check with your local FSA office to discuss the possibility of a Farm Storage Facility Loan. Low cost loans for storage facilities continue to be available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, grain sorghum, soybeans and corn.



The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All FSFL's 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. A \$45.00 application fee is assessed and other fees are incurred depending on the type of loan being processed.

October Select Interest Rates

- ◆ Farm Operating-Direct
5.125%
- ◆ Farm Ownership Direct
5.5%
- ◆ Farm Ownership-Direct
Down Payment or
Beginning Farmer
4.00%
- ◆ Emergency
3.75%
- ◆ Farm Storage Facility
4.375%
- ◆ Commodity Loans
5.25%

Youth Loans-A Perfect Way to Get Started

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects from rabbits to cattle to crop production must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Certain requirements have to be met to qualify for the program. This includes being a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien, be between 10 years to 20 years of age, and live in the country or in a town of less than 10,000 people.

The applicant must conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work. They must also demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision of the project.

District 5 Service Centers

**Michelle Motley,
District Director**

Boone
Kim Viers, CED
601 Bus Loop 70W, Suite 213E
Columbia, MO 65203
573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547
COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.

Callaway
Darrell Campbell, CED
Mark Mudd, FLM
4549 State Rd H
Fulton, MO 65251-5465
573-592-1400 FAX 573-592-1450
COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 9 am.

Cole-Miller
Drew Parmley, CED
Rick LePage, FLM
1911 Bogg's Creek Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573-893-5196 FAX 573-893-7238
COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:30 am.

Franklin
Sheria Yancey, CED
1004 Vondera Ave., Suite 1
Union, MO 63084-3122
636-583-2303 FAX 636-583-3571
COC Meets 3rd Wed. @ 8:00 am.

Gasconade
Sharon Borgmann, CED
316 Olive Street
Owensville, MO 65066
573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771
COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am.

Moniteau
Daryl Raithe, CED
410 West Buchanan
California, MO 65018
573-796-4691 FAX 573-796-4520
COC Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 9 am.

Montgomery
Priscilla Eggering, CED
1013 South Sturgeon
Montgomery City, MO 63361-2700
573-564-2262 FAX 573-564-3967
COC Meets 1st Tues. @ 9 am.

Morgan
Dennis Schad, CED
100 S Burke Street
Versailles, MO 65084
573-378-4589 FAX 573-378-6163
COC Meets 2nd Fri. @ 9 am.

Osage-Maries
Randy Frisbee, CED
1315 East Main Street
Linn, MO 65051
573-897-2138 FAX 573-897-4107
COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:30 am.

St. Charles-St. Louis
Brian Mulherin, CED
160 St. Peters Centre Blvd.
St. Peters, MO 63376
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COC Meets:
St. Charles-3rd Wed. @ 9am
St. Louis-3rd Thur. @ 9am

Warren
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Dates to Remember

November 2

2007 County Committee Election
Ballots Mailed

November 12

FSA Offices Closed in
Observance of Veterans Day

November 20

Nap Application Closing Date for
Grapes, Peaches, Apples.

November 24

Offices Closed for Thanksgiving.

December 1

Nap Application Closing Date for
Honey.

December 3

Last Day to Return County
Committee Election Ballots

December 31

Nap Application Closing Date for
Potatoes.

Ongoing

- ◆ Continuous CRP
- ◆ Update Farm Changes.
- ◆ Farm Facility Loans.
- ◆ Wheat, Barley and Other Small Grain Crops Reporting.



Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the local FSA county office.

Financial FACTS

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Respond to USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey and let the financial facts be known for agriculture's policies and programs.



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Foreign Landowner Notification

Foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

Required Mid-Contract CRP Management Practices

If you enrolled land in CRP with the 26th signup (contracts that became effective October 1, 2003) or after, 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 NRCS or FSA office. Penalties for non-compliance are expensive.

