



# DONIPHAN FSA FARMLINE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**August 16**  
Pre-Registration Deadline for CRP Tour, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**August 22**  
CRP Field Tour to Celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**September 4**  
*Labor Day – FSA Offices Closed*

**October 9**  
*Columbus Day – FSA Offices Closed*

### NEED SCRAPER ??

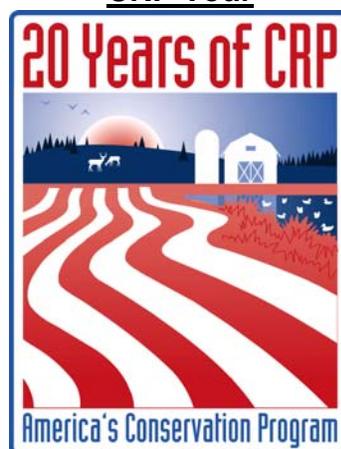


Would you be interested in renting a scraper? The Conservation District is considering purchasing one. Call Donna at 985-2221 ext. 3 with an annual use estimate.

### 2006 Crop Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments

The LDP season is almost here. The reports of a large corn and soybean harvest makes LDP very likely. Make for sure that you have signed page 1 of the 633 which makes you eligible for an LDP once the crop is harvested. The grain can be farm stored or stored at an approved elevator. Loans for corn and beans, wheat, and grain sorghum are also available at low interest rates. Grain can be farm stored or you may obtain a Warehouse receipt from the elevator.

### CRP Tour



A 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour for CRP will be held in Atchison, Jackson, and Brown counties on **August 22, 2006**. The tour will start at the community bldg in Netawaka, Ks. Buses will be available for the first 150 people. Registration will start at 8:15am and the tour will start at 9:00am. A catered lunch will be served at the Netawaka Community Center. Call your local FSA office or e-mail [sarah.falk@ks.usda.gov](mailto:sarah.falk@ks.usda.gov) before **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006** to pre-register.

### Payment Information

CRP payments will be paid close to October 1 as well as the final DCP payments. A countercyclical payment for corn and milo will be made near the end of Oct.

### New Noxious Weed

The last few years have seen Sericea Lespedeza a perennial Legume explode into existence in CRP fields in Kansas. It is a very woody bushy plant that is extremely hardy. Pictures of this plant are available at NRCS and Extension. Spraying the infected areas in the fall and spring is necessary to control it.



### National Animal Identification System (NAIS)

The increasing number of animal disease outbreaks that have been reported around the globe over the past decade and the single cow that tested positive for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States in December 2003 have greatly intensified public interest in developing a national animal identification system for the purpose of protecting animal health. The European Union, Canada, and Australia already have animal identification systems in place. A strong U.S. identification system is in increasing demand as a necessary component of our Nation's agriculture infrastructure. Visit the NAIS website at <http://www.usda.gov/nais> or contact our office for more information.

### Direct Deposit

We want to encourage all producers to sign up for direct deposit. Your money will get to you 7 days faster than a check and can't be stolen. KC will send you a statement so that you know what you are receiving.

### **FILTER STRIPS**

**By: Paul Kleppe, Buffer Coordinator**

Doniphan County farmers and landowners are enrolling small acres of cropland along creek and stream banks to grass strips or riparian forest buffers. These acres are part of the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) providing annual rental payments. These rental payments are based on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) cash rent value for the soil type on the acreage you intend to enroll. Doniphan County's current soil rental rates range from a low of \$65 per acre to a high of \$102 per acre. For example, the Kennebec silt loam and Haynie silt loam soil rental rate is \$90 per acre in Doniphan County. As an additional incentive FSA is adding 20% on top of the established rental rate. These two soils would now be at \$108. An additional \$4 per acre is added annually for maintenance, making your total annual rental payment of \$112.00 paid after October 1<sup>st</sup> each year of the contract.

A bonus incentive payment of \$10 per acre is paid to you by FSA for enrolling land in either the grass filter strip or the riparian forest buffer. This is a one time payment made to you after signing a 10 to 15 year contract. If you enrolled in a 12 year contract this one time payment would be \$120 times your enrolled acres.

Width of filter strips range from 30' minimum to 120' maximum. These distances may vary to eliminate short rows along a meandering creek bank. Maximum width on a forest buffer is 180'.

The State Conservation Commission (SCC) is providing funds for landowners and operators an additional 30% for grass filter strips and 50% for riparian forest buffers in Wolf River Watershed. The maximum rental rate you can receive per acre is \$150 from FSA and SCC combined.

FSA's practice incentive payment provides an additional 40% cost-share on high priority practices like filter strips in addition to the normal 50% cost-share provided on all practices under the Conservation Reserve Program. This payment is made after the seeding of the cover is completed.

**Habitat Buffers for Bobwhite Quail** is a new program for Kansas producers. These buffers may be installed around field edges such as property lines and field boundaries in eligible cropland. The annual rental payment is calculated the same as regular buffers minus the 20% incentive payment. Your choice of cover is limited to a mixture of native warm season grasses with legumes, wildflowers and forbs.

Buffers may not be used for turn rows, roads, or the storage of crops or equipment. If you are interested in buffers you may sign up anytime for the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program at the FSA office in Troy. FSA will be able to tell you if your cropland is eligible for CCRP. Contracts for buffers are developed on the federal fiscal year October 1 to September 30.

### **Farm Facility Loans**

Under the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act, USDA may make loans to grain producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program is administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). The maximum term of the loan is 7 years. No extensions will be granted. Loans shall bear interest at the rate equivalent to the rate of interest charged on U.S. Treasury securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. The interest rate for each loan will remain in effect for the term of the loan. Information is also available on FSA's Home Page at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

### **Breaking out new land**

It is absolutely necessary to come to the FSA Office and inform us of the new land you want to break out regardless of the size. Failure to do so can cause you to be ineligible for the farm program.

### **AFIDA**

Congress enacted the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) in October 1978, to establish a nationwide system to monitor foreign ownership, purchases, and sales of U.S. agricultural land. The act requires any foreign person who buys or sells agricultural land to submit a completed form FSA-2153 to the Secretary of Agriculture, not later than 90 days after the date acquisition or transfer. Any foreign person who knowingly submits a report that is incomplete, misleading or false, is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

### **eGov**

Obtain an eAuthentication Level 2 Account and conduct your USDA business on-line from home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Available now – eLDP, eDCP, eForms, Customer Statement, Financial Inquiry, and eRepresentative. Contact our office for more information.

### **Farm Changes**

If you change operators or purchase new land or sell land you are required to inform FSA of the change.

### **County Committee Election**

The townships of Union, Wolf River and Iowa will vote for county committee this fall. Ballots will be mailed on Nov 3 and must be returned by Dec 4, 2006.

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