

SERVING DOUGLAS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

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Douglas:
Second Wednesday of the Month

Jefferson:
First Thursday of the Month

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FSA FARM NEWS

LDP REMINDERS

Last year, the Farm Service Agency announced the launch of the CCC-633 EZ to replace the old CCC-709 and CCC-633-LDP forms. Since then, it has undergone a few modifications to make it even more user-friendly.

The EZ form is a two-part loan deficiency request that allows producers to (1) indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest in the eligible commodity, and (2) submit a request for an LDP payment at any time during the loan/LDP availability period, which may be done before or after losing beneficial interest.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, the producer indicates their intentions to receive LDP benefits. This one page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the producer. Once the first page of the form has been signed and submitted, the producer can submit an LDP request for payment by completing page 2 for all harvested commodities. The LDP request can be submitted at any time during the loan availability period, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Page 1 of the EZ form must be signed by the producer before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest is lost, the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained. Most producers signed the CCC-633 EZ Page 1 during DCP signup or acreage certification. It is your responsibility to ensure this has been completed prior to the onset of fall harvest.

To lock in the rate for grain in open storage or stored on the farm, the LDP request must be received in the office by close of business or be faxed to the office and received before 6:00 a.m. the next morning. The Jefferson County fax number is (785) 863-3229. The Douglas County fax number is (785) 841-1087. **If the grain has been in open storage at an elevator for more than seven days, the following statement must be attached to the production evidence: "Title and control remains with the producer and a negotiable warehouse receipt can be issued to the producer for the quantity physically delivered to the warehouse." The statement must be signed and dated by a member of the warehouse staff.**

2006 COMMODITY LOANS

Nine-month commodity loans may be obtained by placing the eligible commodity in approved:

- Farm storage, and either requesting a measurement service or certifying the loan quantity on CCC-666.
- Warehouse storage, and obtain a loan on 100 percent of the net quantity on the warehouse receipt.

A lien search, including Federal and State tax liens, will be performed in the Secretary of State's office for all loans after the loan request is filed and before the loan can be approved. The producer must obtain all necessary lien waivers (CCC-679) before the loan can be disbursed.

The county loan rate will be:

- If farm stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for applicable discounts.
- If warehouse stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for premiums and discounts. For warehouse receipts under merged warehouse code agreements the receipt must show location and county where the commodity was originally delivered, and the loan rate in the county where the commodity was delivered will apply.

Non-recourse loans can be repaid at the PCP (Posted County Price) or principal plus interest (whichever is applicable).

LOCK-IN Rate (CCC-697) – Once a CCC loan is issued, producers have the option to lock-in the daily PCP as the amount for repayment. This lock-in rate is effective through the earlier of 14 calendar days before the loan maturity date, or 60 days from the date of approval of the rate. A producer may repay the loan any time during the 60 days at the locked-in rate. At the end of 60 days or 14 days prior to loan maturity the producer may repay the loan at the current PCP. A producer has a one-time opportunity to "lock-in" a rate for 60 days. Only one initial 60 day lock-in rate is allowed on the same bushels.

Marketing Authorizations (CCC-681-1) – Producers may request that a commodity pledged as collateral for a CCC farm stored loan be released for delivery to a buyer before repayment of the loan. The entire loan quantity will be released and the delivery period is normally for 15 or 30 calendar days. At the time of the request, the producer must inform the office where the grain will be delivered. The repayment of the loan purchased by the buyer must be received from the buyer; otherwise, the buyer is violating the clear title provisions. Production evidence is always required when using a CCC-681-1 or repaying a loan at the PCP.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to purchase and install eligible storage facilities, to permanently affix drying or handling equipment, safety equipment or to remodel existing facilities. Real estate liens are required for loans that exceed \$50,000. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85% of the net cost, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A 15% down payment is also required.



FIREARMS ON FEDERAL PROPERTY

USDA customers are reminded that Federal Law 18 USC Section 930 prohibits the possession, use, or threat of use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon on Federal facilities (owned or leased), including buildings and parking areas. The term "dangerous weapon" means a weapon, device, instrument, material or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length.

Beginning January 2007, under the Personal and Family Protection Act, qualified Kansans may be approved to carry concealed handguns. However, USDA customers are reminded that any weapon, including licensed concealed, is prohibited by Federal Law in Federal facilities and parking areas.

Violations can result in fines or imprisonment or both.

LIVESTOCK PREMISE REGISTRATION

The Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA), in partnership with the Kansas Animal Health Department (KAHD), is making premises identification registration easy and convenient for livestock producers across the state. Trained FSA staff is available at Kansas USDA Service Centers to assist livestock producers with on-line premise registration.

Premise registration is the first step through the Kansas Animal Identification System (KanID) to implement the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) in Kansas. The NAIS will help protect animal agriculture by providing livestock owners and animal health officials the infrastructure to reduce the financial and social impacts of potential animal disease outbreaks. The initiative is a State/Federal/Industry cooperative program intended to identify animal premises, individual animals, and ultimately to track movements of animals in commerce.

Livestock producers in Kansas who would like FSA assistance in obtaining a premise ID should visit their local FSA office. Animals included in the KanID are bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, poultry, deer, elk and other cervids, llamas, alpacas, and aquaculture. Information necessary to register is name, address, primary and secondary contacts, telephone numbers and in some cases, the legal description of the premise where the livestock is physically located.

While Kansas FSA staff is ready to assist producers with on-line premise registration, specific program questions should be forwarded to Bryan Rickard, NAIS Program Manager, Kansas Department of Animal Health, at 785-296-2326; or obtain information on-line at <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>

IMPORTANT DATES

Immediately - If you have sold, purchased or are renting new land for 2006, report these changes to our office.

September 4 - Office Closed for Labor Day

September 30 - Last Day to Enroll in 2006 DCP (\$100 per Farm Late Fee After June 1)

March 31, 2007 - Last Day to Request Loan or LDP for Wheat, Oats, and Barley

May 31, 2007 - Last Day to Request Loan or LDP for Corn, Milo, and Soybeans

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