



September 2007

Franklin County News

**Franklin County
USDA Service Center**

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
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County Committee meets
Second Wednesday of
every month

Staff
David Hornung - CED
Stacy Kull - FLM
Tammy Nichols - FLO
Julie Hibdon - PT
Shirley Gilges - PT
Sharon Shields - PT
Russell Warner - PT

**Emergency Conservation Program
Signup**

Signup for cost share assistance to rehabilitate farmland damaged from this spring's June and July flooding started September 24th and will end on October 23rd. Seventy five percent cost share assistance may be received for removing debris from farmland, grading, shaping, and leveling measures, restoring permanent fences and terraces and ponds. Producers may be eligible if cumulative damage exceeds \$1000.00. Any producers who have started repair of conservation work should keep receipts of all cost incurred.

Livestock Compensation Program

Livestock Producers who suffered feed losses due to drought during January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2006 may receive payments for their feed losses. Producers incurring feed losses in both 2005 and 2006 calendar years can only receive assistance for one of the years. The payment rates for each type of livestock are available at our office and www.fsa.usda.gov Signup for the assistance is currently underway at the office. At this time their has been no signup ending date established.

Crop Disaster Program

Crop disaster Program (CDP) signup begins October 15 for crop losses occurring in 2005, 2006, or before February 28, 2007. Producers can select one of the 3 years for which they would like to receive benefits for these losses. This disaster program only applies to crops that were insured and quantity losses must have exceeded 35%.

Quail Field Border Strips

Franklin County producers still have the opportunity to sign up for Quail field Border Strips around their fields. These strips are designed to provide habitat next to grain fields where quail feed. Eligible land must meet cropping requirements, ownership requirements, and be planted to an approved vegetative cover. Producers can add to their bottom line and help wildlife by seeding this grass practice next to rows of trees and fence lines where yields are usually low.

Interested producers should contact the Service Center before the program expires on December 31, 2007.

Commodity Loans Available

Low interest 9 month loans on your harvested crops are available. This marketing tool is a great way to utilize working capital if you wait for prices to rise, pay off higher interest notes with lower interest money, or purchase next years inputs. The current interest rate is 5.75 percent. Loan rates for Franklin County 2007 crops are:

Wheat - \$2.96 bu. Soybeans - \$4.95 bu.
Corn - \$1.95 bu. Milo - \$3.30 cwt.

Address Change

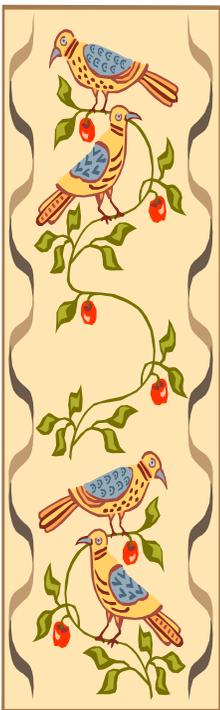
The city of Ottawa has started to correct some addressing problems resulting from continued development; renaming streets, and the removal of HWY 50 at the south end of town. Because of this, effective October 1, 2007, the new address for the Franklin County Farm Service Agency will be:
343 W. 23rd. Suite 1
Ottawa, Kansas 66067-9459

Farm Operating Loans:

\$200,000 Loan Limit with 1 to 7 Year Loan Term

September Interest Rate is fixed at 5.5%
Loan funds are for farm and ranch purposes only:

- Purchase of breeding and feeder livestock
- Purchase of machinery and equipment as well as Improvements to real estate
- Operating expenses such as feed, seed and fuel
- Refinance farm or ranch debt including accrued debt for any of the above purposes. (Co-op feed or fertilizer bills, machinery debt, etc.)





Farm Real Estate Loans:

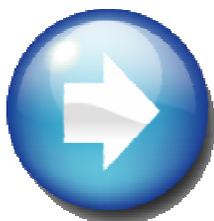
\$200,000 Loan Limit up to 40 Year Loan Term
 September Interest Rate is fixed at 5.75%
 "No Down Payment" financing available
 Loan funds are for:

- Purchase farm or ranch real estate
- Construct buildings, homes or make other improvements to real estate
- Make repairs to buildings, homes or real estate



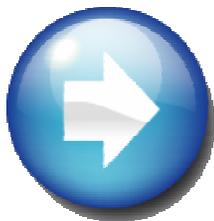
Livestock Indemnity Program Signup

Signup began September 10th, 2007 for the Livestock Indemnity Program, which provides monetary assistance to eligible livestock owners and livestock contract growers, for livestock deaths that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007, in eligible disaster designated counties as a result of an eligible disaster event. Drought is not an eligible disaster event under LIP. A list of disaster designations applicable to Franklin County may be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.



FSA County Committee Elections

Ballots will be mailed around November 2nd to all eligible voters in Local Administrative Areas (LAA'S) that are conducting committee elections this year. Your ballot will need to be voted, SIGNED, and returned to the FSA office by the December 3rd voting deadline. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 3rd. Elected committee members are a critical part in the delivery of FSA farm programs at the local level.



Dates to Remember	
Ongoing	Signup for Livestock Compensation Program – no ending date established yet
Ongoing	Signup for Livestock Indemnity Program – no ending date established yet
Ongoing	Signup for Emergency Conservation Program – signup ends October 23
October 8	Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day
October 10	Signup begins for Crop Disaster Program
November 12	Office closed in observance of Veterans Day
November 22	Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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