

FSA NEWS

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County Committee normally meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

County Committee Members: Marshall Stauffer – Chairperson, Kim Boone – Vice Chairperson, Zelma Samuels– Regular Member

2006 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

This year's FSA County Committee Election in Greenwood County will be held in Local Administrative Area # 2 (LAA#2). This includes the townships of Eureka, Bachelor, Lane, Quincy, Pleasant Grove and Salt Springs. Ballots for this year's election will be mailed to eligible voters on **November 3**. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on **December 4**. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight **December 4**. The candidates in this year's election for LAA #2 are: Kim Boone who resides at rural Toronto in the southeast part of the county and produces soybeans, sorghum, alfalfa and other hay crops. Eligible voters in LAA #2 who do not receive a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff and request an official ballot. Voted ballots will be counted publicly on December 7, 2006 at 1:30pm in the Greenwood County FSA Office, USDA Service Center, 1819 E. River, Eureka, Kansas. Elected committee members and alternates will take office for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007.

2006 LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP) REMINDERS

Last year, the Farm Service Agency announced the launch of the CCC-633EZ 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. Many producers signed the CCC-633EZ Page 1 during DCP signup or acreage certification. Please ensure this has been completed prior to the onset of fall harvest.

PRODUCER BENEFICIAL INTEREST AND NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Regulations have changed for 2006 and subsequent years related to beneficial interest and producers being eligible for Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's). Based upon the regulations being changed, the following warehouse's certification must accompany delivery evidence, other than a negotiable warehouse receipt, submitted with a producer's LDP application while the producer maintains title and control of the commodity: **"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 warehouseman's signature and date must accompany this certification. If this statement does not accompany delivery evidence for stored grain, the LDP application and payment will not be processed.

NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR CERTAIN COVERED CROPS

December 1, 2006 is the application closing date for certain crops under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP). Crops eligible for NAP benefits are limited to those not insurable in the county and are produced for food or fiber. **December 1** is the final day to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for all grasses, alfalfa, clover, oats and several other crops. Please contact the county office for additional guidelines.

LIVESTOCK PREMISE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT FSA

Kansas FSA county offices can assist livestock producers with **on-line premise registration**. In partnership with the Kansas Animal Health Department (KAHD), the Kansas Farm Service Agency is making premise identification registration easy and convenient for livestock producers across the state. If you would like FSA assistance in obtaining a premise ID, please visit your local FSA office.

2007 DCP FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP SCHEDULED

Sign-up for the **2007** Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) Program will begin **October 1** and continue through **June 1, 2007**. Producers can request Advance Payments to begin as early as December, 2006.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Farm Storage Facility Loans are available with low-interest financing for producers in need of grain storage
Fall Forestry Field Day '06-Scheduled October 12th in Emporia-Call Kansas Forest Service @ (785)532-3300
Report changes in your address or operation and Bank Accounts that affect your FSA payments immediately
September 30 is the final day to sign a DCP contract and pay a \$100 late fee to be eligible for DCP payments
Commodity Loan interest rate for CCC commodity loans disbursed in September (2006) - **5.125%**
All USDA Offices will be closed **October 9th and November 10th** for Columbus and Veterans Day Holidays
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