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# Harvey County News

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USDA Service Center

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

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County Committee meets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

DCP Deadline - 6/1/06

June 30 - Final date for CRP  
REX II extensions for con-  
tracts that expire 2008 -2010

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Holiday  
Office closed

Final day to report feed grain  
acres - 8/1/06

September 4 - Labor Day  
Office Closed

## LONG TIME EMPLOYEE TO RETIRE

After 40 years of dedicated service in the Harvey County FSA Office, Annetta Gehring will be retiring June 30, 2006. We will be honoring Annetta with a come and go reception hosted by the Harvey County FSA Staff on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Annetta began her career as a general clerk and planimeter operator with the Harvey County ASC Office on July 6, 1956. She took off ten years to be with her two children, and then returned in 1977. She never imagined that she would be working another 29 years. Annetta says that she has enjoyed the challenges of the constant changing farm programs and procedures, working with great producers (some challenging), but mostly the wonderful fellow employees. These will be greatly missed!

We would like to extend to you a special invitation to celebrate Annetta's retirement. On behalf of the Service Center office staff, farmers, customers and special friends, we thank Annetta for her dedicated service and wish her great enjoyment in her retirement years.

## ACREAGE REPORTING

The 2002 Farm Bill requires all cropland on a farm to be reported as condition for receiving payments under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP), Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as loan deficiency payments (LDP's), and marketing assistance loans.

Appointments have been sent out for all spring seeded crops. However, if we missed you and you have acres to report, please contact the office and schedule an appointment. The final day to report corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers, cotton and silage/hay crops is August 1. This also includes any double cropping of these crops that you need to report.

## Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

Producers need to be aware there is a new Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) form. The CCC-633EZ Page 1 and Page 2 were first used for last year's LDP crops, and are required to be completed each year for LDP's. Most producers completed a Page 1 at wheat certification. However, a number of producers and/or owners were missed. Because of this, we mailed a Page 1 to those producers/owners that hadn't come by the office. If you haven't received the form, and you share in the crop, please stop by the office to complete one, or contact us and we can mail it to you.

**The CCC-633EZ Page 1 must be filed prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop.** Beneficial interest is lost when the crop is sold, fed, delivered to fill a contract, delivered to a feedlot, or otherwise disposed of. A separate Page 1 must be signed by the operator and owner. Page 1 will cover all eligible commodities on all farms in all counties for one producer. This form protects your ability to receive an LDP on your commodity.

**Once you have a Page 1 on file, you need to decide when to make application for LDP benefits by filing a CCC-633EZ Page 2. The Page 2 can be filed either after beneficial interest has been lost (sold), or if storing the grain, whenever you choose to lock in the rate. The LDP rate will be based on the date beneficial interest was lost, or the date the Page 2 was filed if the producer still owns the commodity. There must be a Page 1 on file first, to be able to file a Page 2 to request the LDP payment. **Whichever option you choose to file the Page 2, it has to be filed prior to the final loan availability date for that crop.****

You can obtain a copy of CCC-633EZ (all pages) at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>

The form can be completed in person, mail, fax, or e-Forms. For more information contact the FSA office.

## UPCOMING COMMITTEE ELECTION

Farmers and ranchers can now begin nominating candidates to serve on their local FSA County Committee. Harvey County producers in Local Administrative Area 2 which includes Emma, Garden, Halstead, Macon & Highland townships shall elect a committee member this fall to serve their area for a 3 year term. Candidate nominations are due by August 1.



### REPORT FAILED ACREAGE

While the majority of wheat acreage is in fair to good condition, and most spring-seeded crops off to a good start, farmers should still be aware of their responsibility to file a failed acreage report anytime a crop has failed. Filing must be made with our agency and your crop insurance agent (if applicable) prior to destroying the crop.

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### DIRECT PAYMENT CHANGES

There has been a change in the way the direct DCP payments are earned. Since Feb. 8, the option to receive part of the payment in advance is now 40% in advance with the final 60% to be received in October, 2006.

For the 2007 crop year, producers will have the option to receive an advance payment of up to 22 percent of the total direct payment. The total value of the direct payment does not change. Producers will still receive the balance of the direct payment in October of the program year.

### PLANTING FRUITS/VEGETABLES

Farms enrolled into the DCP program are subject to certain restrictions on planting fruits and vegetables. The basic rule to remember is- you can't plant FAVs on "base acres". Planting watermelons, sweet corn and other similar crops could cause a DCP violation. *The only FAV exception is if the farm, or the producer, has a documented history of planting FAVs.*

Planting a PERENNIAL FAV on DCP base acres is a violation at the time the FAV is planted even if the FAV is destroyed without benefit before harvest. Further, planting a NON-PERENNIAL FAV on base acres is not a violation if it is destroyed without benefits before harvest. Verification of the destruction must be made by a producer-paid FSA farm visitation. **Home gardens** of two (2) acres or less containing fruits and vegetables, planted for self use and/or consumption will not be considered as a FAV. However, if the garden acreage is greater than 2 acres, the entire garden acreage shall be considered as a FAV and could be subject to a DCP violation

As with any program, producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for guidance and clarification.

### USING E-FILE TO SIGNUP

Producers may now signup for the DCP program and file for LDP's online through *E-File*. We encourage producers who feel comfortable in using online access to use the E-file process. A handout is available to assist in filing LDP's online. Advancements have been made to make this process a painless method of signing into farm programs.

It also entitles you to timely access to your farm program benefits. With programs such as LDP's when numerous applications are filed in an FSA office on a single day, filing your application on line through E-file may be an advantage. When filed through E-File your payment is the first to be processed. (Consider the timely E-file process vs. such as last year when our office processed over 1600 in office LDP applications. When completing this quantity of manual fall crop applications, our staff does it's best but cannot guarantee a timely payment.)

To be able to E-file a producer must obtain an *e-Authentication Level 2 Account* by completing an 18 question customer profile.

Access <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and "click" on *Create An Account Page*. Complete the profile, which includes setting a user ID and password, and submit online. A confirmation Email is received and must be responded to within 7 days. Then take your state or federal ID to a FSA Office to have identity proofed. After FSA updates your account you will have access to USDA on-line applications and forms within one hour.

**Additional online services** are available at: <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/> or for FSA information

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daftp/psd/>