

June 2007

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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee meets the
1st Thursday of the month at
8:00 a.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

June 15 – Nominations for
COC election begin

July 4 – Office Closed

Aug. 1 – Final date to certify
spring seeded crops & CRP.
Final date to request a farm
reconstitution.

Aug. 3 – Final date to sign up
for the DCP, without paying a
late fee.

Sept. 3 – Office Closed



The final year of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) is underway. The sign-up deadline for the 2007 has been extended to **August 3, 2007**. The extension applies only to the enrollment time frame, and does not extend the DCP contact period.

The extension is due to issues involving the performance of the Farm Service Agency's web-based computer system. The late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007 and before September 30, 2007.

Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

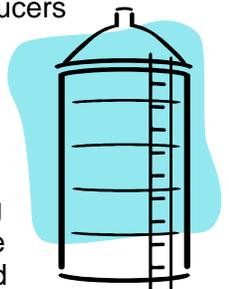
For acreage reporting history purposes, failed acreage must be reported before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported early enough for the county office to make a determination that the crop was prevented from being planted.

Acreage reports are required if you want to be eligible for Farm Service Agency programs. The small grain reporting deadline was May 31, 2007. The deadline for all other crops is **August 1, 2007**. The only exception is if the crop is covered by a Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) policy. Crops covered by NAP must be reported 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for commodities.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.



All Farm Storage Facility Loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office staff.

Special Accommodations

will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities,  vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the office at 785-863-2221 and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are needed.

FSA Guaranteed Loans

FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (e.g., banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

FSA guaranteed loans are for both Farm Ownership and Operating purposes. More information regarding FSA guaranteed loans can be obtained from your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Loans for Beginning, Small and Limited Resource Farmers & Ranchers

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit otherwise. A primary objective of FSA's farm loan programs is to assist small, beginning, and socially disadvantaged (minority and female) producers. In fact, a portion of FSA's loan funds are reserved for beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available at your local USDA Service Center. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Reminder to File CCC-633EZ Page 1 for LDP's

Producers are reminded to sign a CCC-633EZ, Page 1, prior to losing beneficial interest in any commodities. Make sure the form is signed prior to harvest of any 2007 commodities. By filing a timely CCC-633EZ, Page 1, it will allow you to later file a request for Loan Deficiency Payment even after you have lost beneficial interest. Be sure to sign a Page 1 when you are in the office to sign up for DCP or report your crop acreage. Owners and operators must sign separate forms. If you are a multi-county producer, you only need to file one CCC-633EZ, Page 1, to cover all commodities in all counties.

Banking Changes?

If you have changed banks and not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account. If we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers, there could be problems. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important that any changes in producer's account such as type account, bank mergers, routing number or account numbers, be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal employment opportunity employer.