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Jewell County FSA News

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Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Internet web sites

USDA-www.usda.gov

FSA-www.fsa.usda.gov

FSA Forms-

www.sc.egov.usda.gov

NRCS-www.nrcs.usda.gov

Drought Aid Info

A Livestock Assistance Grant program will provide \$50 million of funding for producers in counties designated as D3 or D4 on the Drought Monitor between March 7 and August 31, 2006. Jewell County did not meet this criteria therefore we are not eligible for benefits.

Nearly \$30 million in unused conservation funds will go to the Emergency Conservation Program and the Grassland Reserve Program in drought affected states.

2006 Loan Rates

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| Wheat | \$2.80 |
| Corn | \$1.97 |
| Soybeans | \$4.83 |
| Oats | \$1.34 |
| Gr. Sorghum | \$3.21 cwt. |
| Sunflowers | \$9.13 cwt. |

The September interest rate is 6.125%

E-GOV

Producers with Level 2 E-Authority account may file LDP's through the e-Filing system. Your on-line application will be electronically sent to the FSA county office for processing & payment. For more information on e-gov go to:

www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

We currently have an LDP for 2006 Soybeans with other crops coming close to being eligible for payment. For a producer to be eligible you must have completed page one of the CCC-633EZ (this should have been completed when you signed into the 2006 DCP Farm Program. Form CCC-633EZ can be used to secure an LDP on production: 1) delivered to a buyer and beneficial interest (BI) has been retained, 2) delivered to a buyer and BI has been lost, or 3) stored on the farm or other location and BI has been maintained.

If you have a CCC-633EZ page 1 filed before BI is lost you are covered for LDP in most instances: Once page 1 is filed you may:

1) File CCC-633 page 2 prior to harvest if you wish for the LDP rate to be the rate the day the commodity is delivered.

2) File CCC-633 page 2 the day you wish to lock-in the LDP rate providing BI is retained.

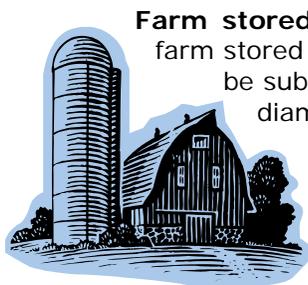
3) Sell the commodity at any time after CCC-633 page 1 is filed. You would file the CCC-633 page 2 when you bring in the production evidence to prove production and the date of sale.

A New National Policy puts an additional burden on the warehouse and producer. This policy requires that producers have control of the commodity while they maintain a Beneficial Interest in the commodity. For warehouse stored commodities a statement is now required on the production evidence (ledger sheet, settlement sheet, etc.) The statement is: "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".

2006 Commodity Loans & LDP's

Nine month nonrecourse loans are available for warehouse and farm stored grain. The loan can be repaid at the PCP (Posted County Price) or principal plus interest. A lien search will be conducted prior to the issuance of the loan. The loan service fee is the higher of \$45 per request on the first bin or warehouse receipt plus \$3 for each additional bin or receipt – OR – ½ of one percent times the gross amount.

LOCK-IN Rate – 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.



Farm stored Grain – The producer may certify the quantity for farm stored LDP or CCC loan. The certified quantity would need to be substantiated by weight tickets, (or) measurements of the diameter, height, moisture, and test weight of the commodity. Another option is to have FSA measure the commodity to determine these measurements. The gain must be leveled if used for CCC loan purposes, but the grain may be peaked if used for an LDP.

Producers planning to move CCC loan commodities must contact our office prior to moving or selling the commodity.

911 Address Changes

Most addresses in the area have changed or are changing to a new 911 address. Once you are authorized to use the new address and our office has not made the change, the mail from our office under the old address will be returned to us. Please notify our office of your new address including your Zip plus Four number.

Foreign Investors 90 – Day Rule

Foreign owners of U. S. agricultural land are required by law to report their land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of their interest in the agricultural land.

Reminders

Oct. 9-Office closed for Columbus Day.
Nov. 10-Office Closed for Veterans Day

Check the condition of your farm stored grain on a regular basis.

Control noxious weed, especially on CRP

If you are delinquent on any non-tax debt to the federal government, you are ineligible for Loans, LDP's, Guaranteed & Direct FLP Loans, and Farm Storage Facility Loans.

Report intentions to break up land before doing so (or at least before planting it). Altering wetlands or breaking up highly erodible land can cause payment ineligibility.

Producers planning to move CCC loan grain should contact our office for additional information prior to moving the grain.

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2007 DCP – Farm Program Signup

2007 is the final year for the current farm program. We will begin the 2007 DCP Farm Program signup in late October. In 2006, the advance payment was reduced from 50% to 40% with policy that the 2007 advance payment would be reduced to 22% of the total payment.

Our office will be mailing the 2007 DCP contracts to producers for January or later enrollment. Producers who wish to have their 2007 advance payment in 2006 should contact our office. We will process the application for a December payment.

Farm Record Changes – Any producer with a farm record change, (change of operator, sale or purchase of land, deceased owner, etc.) needs to notify our office so the change can be processed prior to enrollment. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

NAP Information

***December 1, 2006** is the final application date for 2007 Alfalfa and all grasses for forage or grazing.

***March 15, 2005** is the final application date for 2007 fruits, vegetables, sorghum for forage and other spring planted forage crops.

NAP production evidence –

** Producers with losses are to notify FSA within 15 days of the loss.

** Producers who do not have a loss are required to provide production evidence to report and verify 2006 production. The producer must pay the cost of a field reporter to verify the production in the field. The production must not be fed before reporting to FSA. If production is fed and therefore not verifiable the production is not acceptable as eligible production evidence and will not count towards the APH (actual production history).

Producers are to provide bale counts and weight tickets when reporting production of baled crops. We must have verifiable weights of the bales.

The time to verify production is at the completion of harvest.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every producer take part in the upcoming election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws. Committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.



The 2006 election for Jewell County Committee will be in LAA-3 the eastern area of the county. This includes the townships of Montana, Jackson, Richland, Sinclair, Grant, Buffalo, Vicksburg, Prairie, and Allen. Robert Carlson is the current county committee person for this area; this is the final term allowed for Robert.

Roger Kintigh has been nominated to be on the ballot for COC election.