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# Kingman County News

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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

## HAYING/GRAZING CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM ACRES

For those interested in managed haying or grazing of CRP, it seems to be back on again for now. A new application must be filed each year before any haying or grazing begins. It is only allowed once every three years on the same acreage and only for some CRP practices. Conservation plans must be revised and approval in writing must be granted before any haying or grazing.

Haying is only permitted between July 16 and August 15, no extension for weather or any other reason. Grazing can not begin until July 16 and grazing days depend on stocking rates, not to exceed 120 days. There is a 25% per acre reduction in the annual rental payment for acres actually hayed or grazed. Apply as soon as possible if you want to hay or graze CRP.

## 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.

If you have not completed your certification of all acres 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 opera-

tor 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/mainervlet>. 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. Kingman County producers in Local Administrative Area 3 which includes the eastern third of the county shall elect a committee member this fall to serve their area for a 3 year term. Candidate nominations are due by August 1.

## Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, rice, soybeans and corn.

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.



### 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.

### REMINDERS

All changes of address, operator, ownership, and direct deposit should be reported as soon as they are known throughout the year.

Contact FSA before breaking land, removing tree areas, removing field boundaries, removing farm stored loan grain or planting any crop that might be a fruit or vegetable on contract acreage.

Check your CRP Plan of operations and remember to get food plots planted if they are in your plan.

Weeds/ trees must be controlled on Conservation Reserve acres.

### 2006 CROP LOANS

The 2006 crop loan rates for Kingman County are as follows:

Wheat	-\$2.82/bu.	Sorghum	-\$3.32/cwt.
Corn	-\$2.08/bu.	Barley	-\$1.80/bu.
Soybeans			-\$4.95/bu.
Sunflowers			-\$8.89/cwt

Other oilseed crop loan rates are available if needed.

Crop loans are for a nine month period. For grain in the elevator, the warehouse receipt must show storage is paid for the nine month period or the loan rate is reduced. The interest rate for loans disbursed in May is 5.875%. Interest rates change monthly, however the rate is fixed from disbursement to January 1, when it changes to the January interest rate.

Farm stored grain must be in a structure that allows safe and easy access. There must be sufficient headroom in the bin to allow for inspection, probing and treatment. Permanent ladders must be attached to the bin and bins must be numbered. These provisions apply whether the quantity is certified or measured.

