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 for the 2nd Thursday of each  
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# Farm Service Agency

# Lawrence County News

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## 2007 DCP Sign-up Starts October 1st

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) begins on October 1, 2006. The contract to participate, Form CCC-509, must be submitted by June 1, 2007, to be considered timely. All owners and operators on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Advance payments of 22% of the direct DCP payment are available upon request payable as early as December 2006.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of the program for any year if they so choose. Producers must file the following to be eligible for DCP payments: annual DCP contract (CCC-509), a farm-operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms), an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526), a certification of compliance

with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026). A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is also needed before final payments can be issued. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2007, but before Sept. 30, 2007, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-filing fee of \$100.

## County Committee Election

Nominations for the county committee election were due in the county office by the close of business Aug. 1. The next step is the mailing out of the ballots, which will begin on Nov. 4. Voters have until Dec. 4 to return their ballots to the county office. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2006.

Prospective Voter Requirements  
 If you're on the mailing list for this newsletter, the chances are you are an

eligible voter. Anyone who meets the requirements in 1 or 2, plus 3, below, is eligible to vote.  
 1. Be of legal voting age and participate or cooperate in any FSA program,  
 OR  
 2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm.  
 AND  
 3. Eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided for by law, regardless of the status of funding.

This year, Lawrence County will be conducting an election in LAA 3 which includes Turnback, Buck Prairie, Aurora, and Spring River townships. Voters whose majority farming interest lies in that area should receive their ballots in early November. All farm operators and landowners are eligible to vote. Husbands and wives who own land jointly are eligible to vote individually. If you believe you are an eligible voter and you do not receive a ballot, please contact our office.



## Marketing Assistance Loan and LDP Program

There are changes to the marketing assistance loan (MAL) and loan deficiency payment (LDP) program which will affect the 2006 and subsequent crop years.

Some of the changes:

- Beneficial interest provisions – In the past, loan program regulations did not state that a producer loses beneficial interest in a loan eligible commodity when the commodity is delivered to a dairy, feedlot, ethanol plant, feed mill, wool pool or other end-use facility. The regulations were amended to state that beneficial interest is lost when a loan eligible commodity is delivered to one of the previously mentioned facilities.
- LDP rates for commodities stored or sold will be based on the county where the commodity is physically stored, mar-

keted, sold or fed. In previous years, producers requesting an LDP on quantities where beneficial interest was lost were given the LDP rate based on the county rate where the farm records were administered.

- For the 2006 and subsequent crop years, producers who deliver commodities to a CCC-approved, federally-, or state-licensed warehouse and place the commodity in open storage must be able to receive from the warehouse a negotiable warehouse receipt or other form of acceptable production evidence on which the warehouse has certified title and control remains with the producer. Most Missouri licensed warehouses do not issue negotiable warehouse receipts, so producers will be required to

provide load summary sheets or delivery records with the following statement from the warehouse: "Title and control remain with the producer and a negotiable warehouse receipt can be issued to the producer for the quantity physically delivered to the warehouse." This statement must be on the summary sheets, signed and dated by the warehouseman, to be considered acceptable production evidence. Producers who do not provide a negotiable warehouse receipt or acceptable production evidence at the time of the LDP request will receive a certified LDP, which will be subject to spot check.

Please check with our office if you have any questions concerning LDP's or commodity loans.



## Livestock Assistance Grant Program

The Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be providing a total of \$2.7 million in Livestock Assistance grants to help Missouri livestock producers in 30 counties partially recover forage

production losses due to certain drought conditions in 2006. Applications are available on MDA's website at [www.mda.mo.gov](http://www.mda.mo.gov), at local USDA Service Centers or local University

Extension Offices. Further information may be requested by calling MDA at (573)-526-4727 or emailing [lagp@mda.mo.gov](mailto:lagp@mda.mo.gov). Applications must be post-marked by Nov. 17, 2006.



## Emergency Conservation Program

ECP provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation meas-

ures in periods of severe drought. As a general rule, farmers and ranchers use drought-related ECP funds to drill new wells or run additional water lines to provide water for their livestock.

The producer has to be able to show that he or she had access to a consistent water supply before the drought.

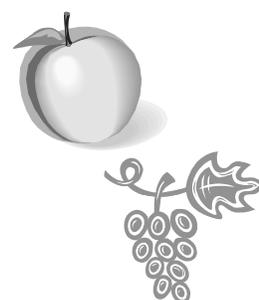
Our office will be accepting applications for ECP funds until Nov. 3, 2006.

## NAP Deadline Approaching

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadline is fast approaching for some crops. NAP is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural

disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic, or "CAT," insur-

ance. November 20, 2006 is the final date for producers to obtain NAP coverage on peaches and grapes. Contact FSA for more information.



## Payment Limitations

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation once completed are reviewed on an annual basis. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation.

The following limitations apply to Direct and Countercyclical Program payments for each contract year. For all covered commodities

(except peanuts): \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for countercyclical payments. For peanuts: \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for countercyclical payments.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program has a \$450,000 payment limitation.

The Conservation Reserve Program annual limit is \$50,000 per person.

Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide

names, addresses, and ID numbers of their members.

Adjusted Gross Income-Effective through 2007, an individual or entity shall not be eligible for certain program benefits during a crop, program or fiscal year if the following apply:

- The three-year average of the adjusted gross income for the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million; and
- Less than 75 percent of the average AGI is derived from farming, ranching or forestry operations.





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## 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, 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 bunkers 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.



### Dates to Remember

Oct. 1	2007 DCP signup begins
Nov. 3	Deadline to apply for Emergency Conservation Program
Nov. 4	Committee election ballots mailed
Nov. 10	USDA Service Center closed for Veteran's Day
Nov. 20	Deadline to obtain NAP on peaches and grapes
Nov. 23	USDA Service Center closed for Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 4	Deadline to return election ballots