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LINCOLN COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Farm Service Agency



Lincoln County
USDA Service Center

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Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Eugene Peasel
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Melba Paulsmeyer

County Committee
meets

Second Wednesday of
the Month @ 9:00 a.m.

Staff

Joe Linneman, CED
Christy Braden
Angela Luaders
Kristin Twellman

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3

Offices Closed for
Labor Day

September 18

Office closed for all
employee meeting

September 30

Final Date for 2007
DCP Contract Revi-
sions

October 8th

Office Closed for Co-
lumbus Day

November 12

Office Closed for
Veterans Day

Ongoing

- Farm Storage Facility Loans
- Continuous CRP Signup

Lincoln County Approved for Emergency Conservation

The Lincoln County FSA Committee has applied for and recently received permission to implement a program to cost-share on expenses for emergency water to livestock. Funding for this Emergency Conservation Program is unknown at this juncture.

If you are a landowner and currently attempting to pasture livestock in an area that had an adequate pre-drought water source which is currently depleted due to drought conditions, this program may be of some help to you.

Contrary to popular belief, this program is not intended as a well drilling program. **The program is designed to help defray the cost of getting the fastest and cheapest dependable source of water to thirsty livestock.** In some instances a well is the only viable option.

Please note that program regulations include an established minimum project expense of \$1000.00 or more. It is likely that burying up to a 300 ft permanent water line from an existing dependable water source and setting a livestock tank and pad will generally not exceed \$999.00.

If you are interested in getting a dependable source of emergency water to livestock in an established pasture that had adequate pre-drought water, please contact the Lincoln County FSA. Our phone number is (636) 528 4113 ext. 2.

The Lincoln County FSA Committee has established the program sign-up period as August 27th, 2007 through October 7th 2007. **This program may end before the established deadline if drought conditions are substantially relieved.**

Managed Haying & Grazing of CRP Acreage Available

Are you short on hay or pasture this year? If your CRP cover is considered to have been established for 12 full months, you may come in to revise your CRP Conservation plan and **make your request with FSA.**



This regulation permits the CRP participant hay or graze CRP acres no more than 1 out of every 3 years. The participant agrees to a payment reduction based on the number of acres actually hayed or grazed times 25 percent of the per acre rental rate. Participants also agree to stay within the 90 day designated haying period of July 16 through October 13, or the 120 day grazing period of July 16 through November 13th. Hay and livestock must be removed no later than November 13^h.

Acreage eligible for managed haying or grazing include acres devoted to the following practices: CP-1, CP-2, CP-4B, CP-4D, CP-10, CP-18B an CP-18C. Acreage devoted to useful life easements of land within 120 feet of a stream or other permanent water body is ineligible.

2007 Commodity Loan Provisions

Many producers use FSA's commodity loan program as a resource for short term financing. The grain used as collateral must be harvested, but can be either farm or warehouse stored. The following is an explanation of the basic loan provisions:

Common Provisions:

- * The loan will mature 9-months following the month it is approved.
- * The interest rate will be the rate in effect the month the loan is disbursed.
- * A lien waiver must be provided should another lender have a security interest in the collateral.
- * The loan rate per bushel will be the rate in the county where the grain is stored. 2007 loan rates are listed in this newsletter.

Farm Stored Provisions:

- * The loan quantity can be producer certified, or determined by FSA measurement service. There is a fee for measurement service.
- * The borrower is responsible for maintaining the quantity and quality of the collateral while under loan.
- * The facility in which the grain is stored must be capable of protecting the collateral.
- * Permission must be obtained before the collateral is moved to another storage facility, fed, or delivered to a buyer.

Warehouse Stored Provisions:

- * Receipts issued by the storing warehouse must be presented to secure the loan.
- * The warehouse issuing the receipts must be approved by FSA.
- * Storage must be prepaid through the maturity of the loan.

FSA commodity loans on 2007 grain can be obtained through March 31, 2008 (wheat, oats and barley) and May 31, 2008 (corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum).

“QUAIL HABITAT FARM TOUR”

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MORE QUAIL ON YOUR LAND?

IF SO, COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN !

WE'LL EXAMINE KEY HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES INCLUDING:

- NATIVE WARM-SEASON GRASS & WILDFLOWERS
- EDGE FEATHERING
- WILDLIFE FOOD PLOTS
- TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT
- BRUSH PILES

WHEN:

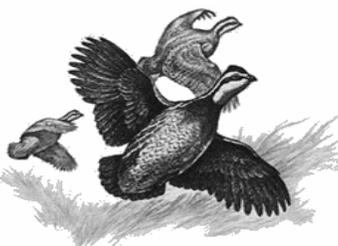
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 9AM-12PM
LUNCH PROVIDED BY QUAIL UNLIMITED

WHERE:

JOE TWELLMAN'S FARM ON MARY JO RD
(LINCOLN COUNTY)

HOSTS:

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
&
EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI QUAIL UNLIMITED



TO REGISTER AND GET DIRECTIONS:

CALL JEFF ESELY (PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATIONIST) AT 636-528-4877 EXT 3.

2007 Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) for Fall Harvest Crops

All producers of corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum who have reported their 2007 planted acreage to FSA are eligible for LDP's should commodity prices fall below the county loan rates. LDP's were a significant benefit in 2004 and 2005.

2007 Lincoln County Loan Rates	
Corn	2.04 Bu.
Soybeans	5.15 Bu.
Gr. Sorghum	3.52 Cwt.
Wheat	2.69 Bu.

The LDP application process has two basic steps:

Step I

A producer must file page one (1) of the application form (CCC-633EZ) before harvest, or before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. The page one (1) covers all commodities, and allows the producer to exercise the options listed in Step II.

Step II

If the grain is sold immediately as it is delivered from the field to a buyer, the LDP rate will be based on the date each load was sold.

If the grain is stored, the producer can certify to the quantity during the storage period. The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect when page two (2) of the application form (CCC-633EZ) is received by FSA.

If the commodity was stored for a period, and beneficial interest was lost before a page (2) of the application form (CCC-633EZ) was filed, the producer can still receive an LDP. The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the date the grain was sold.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) SIGN-UP

Sign-up for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) will begin September 10, 2007 at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Troy. Cost share funds will be available for practices such as Pasture Improvement, Prescribed Grazing, Nutrient Management, Terraces and many more. Sign-up will end October 5th.

Contact the NRCS office in Troy for more information 636-528-4113 ext. 3.

Commodity Loans Maturing

Reminder that 2006 commodity loans for farm stored corn and soybeans may mature in August and September. Take a second to view the condition of the grain during this weather pattern of humid air and fluctuating temperatures.

Do not forget, grain under Commodity Credit Corporation loan cannot be removed without prior authorization or repayment. Unauthorized removal, which includes removal for cleaning for seed or planting, is a violation and is subject to monetary and administrative penalties.

Your loans are subject to spot check. Determined shortages must be repaid with principal plus interest, and additional monetary penalties plus loss of future loan eligibility may apply. Producers planning to remove or clean CCC loan grain should contact the county office staff for additional information.

Controlled Substance

Program participants convicted under federal or state law of planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits. If convicted of one of these offenses, the program participant shall be ineligible during that crop year and the four succeeding crop years for direct and counter-cyclical payments, price support loans, loan deficiency payments, market loan gains, storage payments, farm facility loans, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments or disaster payments.

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Official Business

If your address has changed or have any questions about this newsletter please contact your local FSA office. Your address is pulled from your local FSA office database and mailed out to all producers within in the district.

Changing Accounts, Banks?

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically these days, using Direct Deposit. The switch has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. Did you know the chances of having a problem with a payment are 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit? Or, that Direct Deposit can be made within 48 hours?

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you've made any changes in accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact us so we can update our files.

Maturing General CRP Contracts

CRP cover may be destroyed beginning July 1 of the final year of the General CRP contract only to begin preparation of a seedbed for fall-seeded crops. CRP participants with certain expiring acres, who intend to destroy cover for preparation for spring or fall-seeded crops will need a **pre-authorization** from FSA. There is not a payment reduction for the CRP acres, however the participant will be in violation if they fail to plant a fall-seeded crop in a normal manner.

The request can be submitted anytime during the final year of the contract and authorization can only be granted after a completed CRP-1G (Modification to Allow Early Preparation) is reviewed and approved. Additional details are available at the county offices.

Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the Farm Service Agency county office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities 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, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.