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Livingston FSA Office News

Livingston County USDA Service Center

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Monday - Friday
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The office will be closed
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County Committee meets
on third Thursday each
month at 1:00 p.m.

Staff
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Dianna Sewell
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CCC-1099-G Mailed

During the last week of January, producers who have received payments from FSA should have also received a CCC-1099-G from the Kansas City office. A CCC-1099-G is a report to the Internal Revenue Service about FSA payments made to you in calendar year 2006. The CCC-1099-G is a service to help participating producers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the program participant's responsibility to report income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099-G, we recommend that you check the amounts shown with those in your records to see that the amounts are correct. Refunds will no longer be reported on the 1099-G, but will be available online from the FSA Financial Inquiries (FSA-FI) web-based database. Program participants with eAuthentication user ID's and passwords can access their refund information at FSA-FI and select "Inquiry Type 1099/Refund Reports". Refund amounts are displayed on the Producer's Year-to-Date Activity web page.

If you have a question concerning the 1099-G refund information, you may contact your local FSA office for assistance locating the correct payment data.

Choose An Administrative County

Until recently, there was limited opportunity to move FSA farm records to another County Office. Now a change in administrative county for a farm may be permitted if it is significantly more convenient for the land owner or operator to do business in another county. The county must be an adjoining

(contiguous) county to where the farm is physically located. Changing an administrative County Office because of convenience is a one time selection (for the current operator) and can not be used to evade program rules.

A farm transfer can be initiated by the farm's operator or owner(s) or the receiving or transferring county committee. All owners and the operator must sign a form FSA-179, TRANSFER OF FARM RECORDS BETWEEN COUNTIES. Any DCP advance payments issued for 2007 would have to be refunded in the transferring county before the farm could be transferred.

Conservation Compliance

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops such as soybeans, and changing or removing existing conservation practices.

It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying - tiling, draining, dredging, filling, or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.

What is Continuous CRP?

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program allows participants to voluntarily

enroll acreage in specific conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

Eligible landowners enter into 10- to 15-year contracts in return for receiving annual rental and perhaps maintenance, incentive and cost share payments.

To be eligible, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. If eligibility requirements are met, the Farm Service Agency will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year.

For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments, please contact the county office. FSA has already determined there will be no general CRP signup for fiscal years 2007 or 2008. However, continuous CRP remains available.

County Committee Changes



Outgoing Livingston County FSA Committee Chairperson, Charles Pfaff (right, above) is presented with a certificate of appreciation for 34 years of County and Community FSA Committee service by County Executive Director, David Meneely. Under the current rules, Charles completed his term limit of three consecutive three-year terms at the end of 2006. He represented Local Administrative

Area number one (LAA #1) which consists of the townships of Jackson, Sampsel, Rich Hill and Chillicothe. Mary Smith, who has been an advisor to the FSA committee since 2000, was elected to represent LAA #1 for a three year term beginning January 1, 2007.

NAP Coverage Deadline

March 15th is the deadline date for producers to apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP, coverage using Form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, and pay the service fee at the county office. The application and service fee must be filed by March 15th, the application closing date for 2007 spring seed crops along with vegetables. The service fee is \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$900 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees.

To qualify, a producer must be a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop.

Direct and Guaranteed Loans Available

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are available now. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan. Loan funds are available now — applying early is important so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner. Most of our loan programs have special funding available for minority, female and beginning farmers.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to

get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

Wool & Mohair Loans or LDPs

Wool and mohair producers will find applying for commodity loans and loan deficiency payments for the wool, mohair and unshorn pelts a little simpler this year thanks to the Farm Service Agency's new CCC-633 EZ form.

The EZ form will take the place of the older CCC-633 PELT and CCC-709 PELT forms. Page one of the EZ form takes the place of the 709 PELT form and indicates the producer's intention to receive LDP benefits later on. It's important to complete EZ page one before losing beneficial interest in the commodity.

Producers should complete page one of the EZ form as soon as possible for their current crop year wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. After page one is completed, producers can request benefits at any time during the period that loans or LDPs are available, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Grain growers also use the CCC-633 EZ. Once page one is on file, grain producers can complete page two at a later date when they want to apply for an LDP.

The CCC-633 EZ simplifies requests for LDPs for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. Page four of the revised EZ form is specifically for wool and mohair producers to request an LDP.

Bank Account Changes?

As of Jan. 1, 1999, all Farm Service Agency payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. 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. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our program.

Honey Loans Available

Marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for 2006 crop year honey are available until March 31, 2007. The national loan rate for honey is \$0.60 per pound. Market prices currently exceed the loan rate; so LDPs are not available right now.

To be eligible for a loan, the producer must have produced honey in the United States during the calendar year for which the loan is requested, and extracted the honey on or before Dec. 31 of the applicable crop year; have continuous beneficial interest in the honey through date of repayment of the loan; and been responsible for the financial risk of keeping the honey. Producers are responsible for maintaining the quality of farm-stored honey during the term of the loan.

The honey must be produced in the United States by an eligible producer, from an approved floral source, and stored in approved containers.

The containers must be marked with the producer's name, type of honey, number of container and net weight. Pre-loan inspections are required before the loans can be disbursed.

Honey used as collateral may not be disposed of without approval of the county office staff.

Selected Interest Rates for February 2007	
90-Day Treasury Bill	5%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.125%
Limited Resource Loans	5%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	4%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans	4.625%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	6%

Dates to Remember	
Feb 19	Office Closed – Washington’s Birthday
March 15	NAP sales closing date
March 15	Deadline for prescribed burning warm season grasses/CRP
March 31	Deadline to obtain a wheat or oat loan
March 15 thru April 30	Dates for prescribed burning or chemical burning cool season grasses on CRP
May 31	Deadline to obtain a corn, soybean, or grain sorghum loan
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous CRP Signup

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