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2007 FINAL CROP ACREAGE REPORTS NEEDED BY AUGUST 1

Producer acreage reports or certifications must be filed to account for and identify all cropland within farms before any final phase 2007 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) payments can be issued this fall.

The 2007 final acreage report filing deadline is August 1. Reporting appointments can be scheduled by calling the county office at 620-382-3714.

A 2 month enrollment extension applies to those still wanting to signup farms for DCP participation in 2007. DCP contracts must be signed by all farm shareholders and submitted to appropriate county FSA offices by no later than August 3, 2007.

It has become increasingly important to acknowledge every producer connected with a farm and to properly recognize their involvement when it comes to the operation, ownership and leasing arrangements of a farm's land.

2006 CCC LOAN SEASON OPENS

With the recent completion of the 2007 wheat harvest, producers may now want to explore their operation's financing options and are encouraged to consider FSA's nonrecourse marketing assistance loan program for grain crops.



The 2007 base loan rates for specific commodities in Marion County are:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Rate. Rows include Wheat (\$2.97/bu), Barley (1.80), Oats (1.37), Corn (2.03), Soybeans (4.90), Gr Sorghum (3.40/cwt), Sunflowers (oil) (8.18/cwt), and Dry Peas (6.12/cwt).

Rate premiums and/or discounts can apply based on an individual pledged quantity's grade establishment and supporting grade factor evidence

On or before established loan maturity dates, producers can choose to cash repay (principal + interest charges) or forfeit an entire loan quantity to CCC in settlement of the indebtedness.

The historic highs that are being experienced in commodity market prices prevent the eligibility and issuance of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) at the present time this year

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COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE CANDIDATES SOUGHT

Producers may at this time may make nominations at their county FSA offices to select candidates for the 2007 County FSA Committee elections to be held later this fall. The nominations filing deadline is August 1, 2007. These committees apply their judgment and local knowledge in making a variety of specific farm program decisions. FSA Committee elections are conducted through established Local Administrative Areas (LAA) determined within each county.

This year, voters in Marion County's LAA #1 which consists of the townships of Blaine, Clark, Clear Creek, Colfax, Durham Park, Logan, Lost Springs, and Moore shall elect a committee member to serve a 3 year term to begin in January 2008.

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USDA agency offices will be closed for observance of the following National holidays: September 3, Labor Day, and October 8, Columbus Day.
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Final DCP counter-cyclical payments will not be earned for wheat, barley & oats base farms for crop year 2006 since CCC determined effective prices exceeded target price levels for these crops. Due to earlier high commodity price conditions, partial counter-cyclical payments were not issued; therefore no payment refunds will be requested from producers.
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Marion County has been designated eligible for FSA emergency farm loan status to help qualified producers recover from production/physical losses suffered due to prolonged freezing weather that occurred from April 4 - April 10, 2007. Producers may contact area Farm Loan Manager Jane Armitage at 620-343-6944 to obtain application information and details.
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CRP producers may request to perform managed haying and livestock grazing operations on the established contract acres under certain conditions and rules. Applications must be filed at the county office and approval given before any activity is undertaken. A required forage management plan must be followed and a 25% contract rental rate payment reduction applies towards those acres hayed or grazed.