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FSA UPDATES



July, 2008

Employee Changes in Gladwin

On May 2nd Dick Rankin finished a 33-year career as County Executive Director of the Gladwin Clare Farm Service Agency. We will miss Dick and wish him well in his retirement years. Peggy McKimmy completed seven months in the County Office Trainee program and has been named the new CED in Gladwin. Peggy began her new position on May 12th. When Peggy entered the training program, Brenda Inscho was hired to fill her position. Brenda is now in charge of the DCP and Administrative Programs. Stop in to say "hi" and meet the staff.

FARM BILL – DCP SIGN-UP

The 2008 farm bill was enacted on May 22nd. We now have the Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) in place again with very few changes. Sign-up has begun and will continue through September 30th. One change is those farms with only 10.0 acres of base or less may not be signed into the program unless the operator is socially disadvantaged or a limited resource producer. Please call the office for an appointment to sign into the program. Advance payments are available at 22% of the total payment. Final payments will be made in October.

CROP REPORTING TIME IS HERE!

It is now time to report crops to us. Conservation Reserve Program and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program participants must file a crop report to remain eligible for payments for 2008. Marketing assistance loans, Noninsured Assistance Program, and Disaster Programs all require a crop report, as well. August 15th is the deadline to report crops. This is a change from July 15th because of the new farm bill. We are taking appointments this year to make it easier for you—no waiting in line—and to ease the work load. Please give us a call so we can put you on the schedule. Don't wait until the last day!

Some special situations:

Prevented Planting needs to be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Failed Acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

Crop Disaster Program

CDP has been expanded to provide benefits for losses suffered in 2005, 2006, or 2007. Producers must choose only one year to receive benefits. Only producers who purchased crop insurance or Non Insured Assistance Program coverage for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Losses must have exceeded 35%. The payment rate is set at 42% of normal price. Producers who have already received benefits for 2005 or 2006 can file an application for 2007 losses. If losses were greater in 2007 additional benefits will be paid.

The CDP now provides benefits to farmers who suffered *quality* losses (as well as quantity losses) from natural disaster and related conditions to 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops. Contact the office for further details.

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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM

It has been announced that July 18th will be the last day to apply for the Livestock Compensation Program. If you have sustained losses in pasture/grazing land for the years 2005-2007, you may be eligible for disaster assistance. Give us a call before July 18th to get more details.

FARM CHANGES AND RECONSTITUTIONS

It is very important to report farm changes to us as soon as possible. A change in ownership or operator needs to be done before you sign into any 2008 programs or file your crop reports. In some cases we will have to add or take away farms or tracts from your combined farms. This is called a “reconstitution” or “re-con”. These do not become effective the same day you report them to us. Please give us a heads-up on your changes.

2008 LOAN RATES ANNOUNCED

2008 Commodity loan rates for grain in storage on your farm or at the elevator:	Gladwin	Clare
Corn	\$1.81	\$1.79
Wheat / Red	\$2.19	\$2.17
Wheat / White	\$2.13	\$2.12
Barley	\$1.67	\$1.67
Oats	\$1.39	\$1.39
Soybeans	\$4.88	\$4.87



Dates to Remember	
Now	DCP sign-up begins
July 18	Last day to apply for Livestock Compensation Program
August 1	Last day to submit nominating petitions
August 15	Last day to report crops without a late-file fee
Sept. 1	Labor Day/Office Closed
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

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