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## Miami/Johnson County News

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USDA Service Center

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County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month

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### Producer Meetings Planned

Two meetings have been scheduled for producers served by this office to cover the provisions of the ACRE signup option and the SURE program. The meetings have been planned for May 5, 2009. The first will be held at 9 AM and the second at 7 PM at the Miami County Research and Extension Office located at 104 S Brayman, Paola KS.

**G. A. (Art) Barnaby, Jr., Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University will be presenting information on the ACRE enrollment option.**

Additional information will also be reviewed on the SURE program and some changes brought about by the stimulus bills.

### 2009 DCP Sign-up Underway

Beat the rush sign up now. You may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. Lots of new forms to sign, so please allow yourself some extra time. Wheat and CRP grass reports taken now.

All signatures must be in the office by Aug. 14, 2009- There are no late file provisions for missing signatures at this time FSA will issue advance direct payments when all necessary forms are completed. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity falls below its target price.

Producers are encouraged to sign into the DCP program now even if they are considering the ACRE program. You may first enroll in the DCP Program, receive advance direct payments and then later modify your enrollment to include the ACRE program.

You can transfer into ACRE in any year but once in you cannot get out.

Eligibility requirements have change and required paper work has also changed. Income requirements have also changed.

### Farm Storage Facility Loans

#### Eligible Items

New Structures including:

\*-Conventional type cribs or bins\*-Oxygen limiting and other upright silo-type structures\*-Flat-type storage structures\*-Electrical equipment-Equipment to improve, maintain or monitor the quality of commodities\*-Concrete foundations, aprons, pits, and pads, including site preparation, labor, and material\*-Re-manufactured oxygen-limiting storage structures\*-Bunker-type, horizontal or open silo structures\*-Renovations including financing additions to or modifications of existing structures

Used Structures including:

- o Site preparation
- o Foundation material and off-farm paid labor
- o Off-farm paid construction labor to erect the used bin

New doors, new roof panels, and new rings needing replacement

#### Producer Eligibility Requirements

- o Satisfactory credit history
- o Must be a producer of facility loan commodities
- o Must be able to prove need for increased storage capacity
- o Must be in HEL compliance
- o Producer cannot have any delinquent Federal non-tax debt
- o Must be able to provide proof of multi peril crop insurance
- o Demonstrate ability to repay the debt

#### Terms and Conditions

- o Seven year loan
- o Interest rate changes monthly
- o Can NOT be used for commercial storage

#### Upcoming Changes

- o Loans for Hay Storage facilities
- o 10-12-year loan option for loans over \$100,000
- o Eligible commodities will also include hay, renewable biomass and fruits & vegetables
- o Partial disbursements
- o Payment limitation will not apply to facility loans
- o Maximum of \$500,000 per loan

## Let Us Be Your Lender Of First Opportunity

New federal programs have been enacted to stimulate beginning and younger farmers to establish new, or retain ownership of existing, small family farms. These exciting new trends in rural America present the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs with opportunities for increased lending activity in the farm community.

FSA staff can refer customers to other public financial aid sources that can serve as a blend with the Farm Loan Programs. We specialize in:

- Loans for beginning farmers, disaster recovery, operational financing, and farm ownership.
- Farm planning and counseling.
- Supervised credit and assistance through the life of your loan.
- Sustained financial planning services.

FSA Farm Loan Programs provide a variety of loan types for every need. These include operating, ownership, disaster, youth and loans for beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged applicants. Whether it's a beginning, socially disadvantaged, or an emerging farm business, Farm Loan Programs can help its customers get on the right track with its farm planning services.

FSA Farm Loan Programs staff is well-trained in both lending and farm operations, giving customers a sounding board and source of counsel. FSA staff provides supervised credit throughout the life of the loan, staying with the customer long after the loan is awarded.

Contact the Farm Service Agency at your local USDA Service Center and let them be your lender of first opportunity. USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

## CRP

There is not a general signup in sight. But there are still possible acres left in the SAFE program and Quail Buffer program. If you have any interest in putting crop ground in CRP you need to contact your local county office. **All CRP contracts must make crop grass reports each year before July 30.**

### **Miami/Johnson County Producers please take note of any new Operator Changes**

The FSA office will need notification from all the owners of property of any operator changes.

**If you have changed your address or phone number, you will also need to keep our office updated.**

## Banking Changes?

If you have changed banks and not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account, if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers, there could be problems. 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. It is important that any changes in producer's account such as type account, bank mergers, routing number or account numbers, be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

### Dates to Remember

March 31	Final date to obtain commodity loan or LDP for wheat, oats, barley, and honey.
May 31	Final date to report small grain acres.
August 1	Final date to report corn, soybeans and grain sorghum
August 14	Final date to signup for DCP and ACRE programs
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program

### WEBSITES

FSA - [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)  
 Kansas FSA - [www.fsa.usda.gov/ks](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ks)  
 USDA - [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)  
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