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Nemaha County FSA News

May, 2006

Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Committee

Lee Ukele, chairperson
Marvin Winkler, vice-chairperson
Wayne Hermes, member
Karen Niehues, advisor

Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month
8:30 A.M., USDA Service
Center conference room

Farm Program Staff

Marjorie Feldkamp, CED
Christine Christensen, PT
Vicky Olenhouse, PT
Karen VanWinkle, PT
Peggy Woolsoncroft, PT

Farm Loan Staff

Kay McCoy, FLM
Raymond Mueting, FLO
Charlene Boden, PT
Donna Griswold, PT
Eric Guenther, FLS

Field Staff

Joe Robke
Steven Hartter

2006 Corn, Sorghum, Soybean Loan Rates

The 2006 county loan rates for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans are now available on the Farm Service Agency Web site. Set your browser to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/daftp/psd/LoanRate.htm>.

FSA annually adjusts the county loan rates to reflect market factors affecting each crop.

****Important** Farm Program Signup Underway**

Signup for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP), which is the current farm program, is underway at all local USDA Service Centers. Nemaha County currently has over 85% of the county's farms signed up. The sign-up deadline is June 1, 2006. There is a \$100 late fee after this date. *Those who haven't yet made an appointment can do so by calling (785) 336-2164.*

The signup is again being done on-line and is able to be completed fairly quickly. Producers are able to sign up at the FSA Office that is most convenient for them. Also, those producers who have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account have the option to enroll from their home or any computer with internet access.

Direct Payment Change

There has been a change in the way the direct DCP payments are earned. Since Feb. 8, the option to receive part of the payment in advance is now 40% in advance with the final 60% to be received in October, 2006.

For the 2007 crop year, producers will have the option to receive an advance payment of up to 22 percent of the total direct payment. The total value of the direct payment does not change. Producers will still receive the balance of the direct payment in October of the program year.

2005-Crop Acreage Reporting

June 1 is the final date to report all small grain acreages. Acreage reports on crops for which Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is paid are due in the county office 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop being reported.

The 2002 Farm Bill requires **all cropland** on a farm be reported as a condition for receiving payments under the DCP, NAP and CRP programs as well as for LDPs and loans.

Special accommodation will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call Marjorie Feldkamp at (785) 336-2164.

County Committee Election

During the county committee election held last December, Wayne Hermesch was elected to a 3-year term from Local Administrative Area #3, replacing Elton Olberding.

We congratulate Wayne on his election and thank Elton for his many years of service to the producers of Nemaha County.

Dates to Remember

May 31	Final date to obtain loans and LDPs on 2005 corn, sorghum & soybeans
June 1	Final date to report small grains.
June 30	Final date to pay inspection fee on 2008-2010 REX.



CRP "REX"

Conservation Reserve Program participants who have contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2010, should have received a letter from the county office explaining their options under REX, the CRP contract re-enrollment and extension program.

Depending upon their contract's Environmental Benefits Index, producers have an option to re-enroll their land in a new 10 to 15 year CRP contract or extend their existing contract for five to two years. Those contracts in the top 20 percent of EBI scores were given the re-enrollment option. Five-year extensions were the second 20% of EBI scores, four years the third 20%, three years the fourth 20% and two years the fifth 20%.

Eligible producers with 2007 expiring contracts had an extended deadline of April 28, 2006 by which to make their decision and pay the inspection fee. Producers with 2008 through 2010 expiring contracts have until June 30, 2006 to accept the offer and pay the inspection fee.

Before any offers are accepted by FSA, all acres covered by the contract will be inspected for compliance with the CRP terms and conditions. Some of these include, inspecting to verify there are no trees or noxious weeds present, nothing is being stored on the CRP acreage or no roads or paths are present on the acreage.

*****Reminders*****

- ✓ Regularly check stored grain for quality.
- ✓ Contact the office before feeding or selling any grain under loan.
- ✓ Contact the office prior to breaking out any new ground.

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