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Green County News



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Monday – Friday
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County Committee meets
first Tuesday of the month

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Farm Loan Staff
Kenzie Rowe, FLM



CREP PROGRAM

Producers who have filed inquiries and paid for the measurement service will be serviced based on the date the measurement service was paid for. We are currently servicing those who applied the end of June. A CREP jump team will be assisting the Green County NRCS and FSA Office in order to catch up on the back log. We currently have between 60 and 80 requests to be worked. We apologize for the delay but want to assure you that they will be processed as quickly as possible. New Soil Rental rates have been established and are now in effect. If you had inquired prior to March and didn't like the rental rate that was estimated, let us refigure your rental rate now.

CREP is a program that can work for anyone with eligible land. If you are thinking of retiring from farming and still want annual income from the farm CREP could be a program for you. If you have a cattle operation or grain operation and want to move away from the sensitive areas (along streams or sinkholes) you can enroll the minimum and if eligible receive cost share on eligible practices and still farm the land that you wish to farm. Check it out.

BEGINNING FARMERS, WOMEN FARMERS AND MINORITY FARMERS TO CARRY HIGH PRIORITY WITH FSA LOAN PROGRAMS

In an effort to reach and inform potential applicants of available FSA loan programs, the local office has set a high priority on beginning, women and minority farm loans.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from loan assistance in starting, restructuring or improving a farming operation, please contact the local FSA Office for an opportunity to obtain more information and apply.

Although emergency loans are available for freeze related 2007 crop losses we want to remind everyone that our regular farm ownership and Operating Loans are always available as well as 4-H and FFA youth project loans.

STAFFING – Producers are reminded that there is limited staffing each Friday. Only one Program Technician is in the office on this day. In order to eliminate long wait times, we encourage producers to visit the office on an alternate day.

Dates to Remember - Office will be Closed the Following Dates

October 8, 2007	Columbus Day
November 12, 2007	Veterans Day Observed
November 22, 2007	Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2007	Christmas Day
January 1, 2008	News Year Day

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