



# Hardin/LaRue County News

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## Elizabethtown FSA Service Center

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### Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### FSA Committee

Kevin Mobley  
Ray Allan Mackey  
J David Simcoe  
Roy Viers  
Gary Rock  
William Goatley  
Shirley Ogden, Advisor

### Staff

County Executive Director  
John H Goff

### Program Technicians

Laura Nolin  
Sue Atcher  
Judy Berry  
Cindy Heady  
Candace Mabe

### Farm Loan Programs

For Hardin County, contact  
Donna Marsh, Farm Loan  
Manager at (270)756-5292

For LaRue County, contact  
Paul Clark, Farm Loan  
Manager at (859)336-7775

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## Prohibited Substances

Program participants convicted under Federal or State law of planting, growing, producing, harvesting, or storing controlled substances are ineligible for program payments and benefits for the current and the succeeding four crop years. Program participants convicted of drug trafficking or possession shall be at the discretion of the court as to eligibility to earn payments.

## Honey Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments

The 2007 honey loan rate has been announced at \$0.60 per pound. Honey producers should monitor the posted county price in order to possibly earn a loan deficiency payment. Honey producers should file applications prior to harvest. Contact FSA for more information.

## 2007 Marketing Assistance Loan Rates

The Farm Service Agency offers 9-month commodity loans to grain producers. This allows producers who store their grain an opportunity to market grain at a time when prices may be more favorable. Deadline to apply for a 2007-crop year wheat loan is March 31, 2008, and the deadline to apply for a 2007-crop year corn or soybean loan is May 31, 2008. The 2007-crop year loan rates are:

Crop	Hardin	Larue
Wheat	\$2.62	\$2.57
Corn	\$2.03	\$2.07
Soybeans	\$5.19	\$5.12

## Protecting Producer Information

The Farm Service Agency takes several security measures to ensure that producer information such as social security numbers, addresses, and other personal identifiers are protected. In the modern age, identity theft is a major concern of the Farm Service Agency and we work hard to ensure that private information is not disclosed to unauthorized individuals. There are several credit reporting services available for someone to request a copy of their credit history.

## Committee Election Results

Kevin Mobley was elected by the producers in local administrative area 3 of Hardin County to serve a three-year term on the county committee. Amos Hall was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate to the committee.

Roy Viers was elected to serve a three-year term representing the producers of local administrative area 2 of LaRue County. Richard Zahrndt was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate

Alternates serve when regular members are unable to attend. Newly elected committee members will join other FSA committee members J. David Simcoe, Ray Allan Mackey, Gary Rock, and William Goatley, along with advisor Shirley Ogden.

FSA committees are responsible for the administration of Federal farm programs at the local level.

## Beginning Farmers Applicants

FSA provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each fiscal year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers.

A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for Farm Ownership (FO) loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county.

**Beginning Farmers Applicants** *Continued*

(Note: all applicants for direct FO loans must have participated in the business operation of a farm for at least 3 years.) If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage, and all stockholders in a corporation must be eligible beginning farmers.

**Current Interest Rates**

Operating Loans ----- 4.375%

Farm Ownership Loans – 5.125%

Guaranteed Loans are at the lender's rates and terms but must be within the guidelines of FSA.

**Socially Disadvantaged Applicants**

FSA makes and guarantees loans to approved socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches.

A socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer, rancher, or agricultural producer is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

**Special Accommodations**

Special accommodations will be made upon request, for persons with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please contact Donald Dunn, County Executive Director at (270)843-1111 or toll free at 1-800-441-2592, extension 01.

**Producer Information Needed**

As technology advances and society becomes more mobile, the Farm Service Agency is collecting email addresses and cellular telephone numbers to provide you better service. This data is protected from disclosure and we do not share the information with others.

**Report of Producer Payments, CCC-1099s**

The Farm Service Agency will be mailing CCC-1099s or IRS-1099s to producers who received program payments in the 2007-tax year. The producer payment reports will be mailed to program recipients around January 25, 2008. If you do not receive a Producer Payment Report by mid February 2008, contact the FSA and a duplicate copy will be requested for you.

**New Program Technician**

Candace Mabe was hired as a permanent full time program technician for the Hardin-Larue FSA effective December 10, 2007. Candace is a Hardin County native and grew up in the Upton community and she has an extensive background in agriculture. Candace is being trained in all programs and has primary responsibility for the milk and dairy programs.

**Your Other FSA Staff Members**

With the merger of the Hardin and LaRue County FSA offices, we would like to introduce our staff and their primary program responsibilities. We are here to serve you, our customers and look forward to delivering Federal farm programs to the farmer, producers, and landowners of Hardin and LaRue counties.

Judy Berry has primary responsibilities for the Farm Stored Facility Loan Program, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, producer program eligibility, and automation.

Laura Nolin is responsible for all Conservation Programs and administrative activities for the FSA service center.

Cindy Heady is responsible for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program, Global Information System operations, and producer and farm compliance activities.

Sue Atcher is responsible for reconstitution, farm records, common provisions, GPS, DCP Program and disaster programs.