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## Hardin/LaRue County FSA News

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### Hardin County USDA Service Center

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**Hours (Both Offices)**  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**County Committee  
Hardin**  
Richard Preston, Chairperson  
Ray Allan Mackey, Vice-Chair  
Ron Seagraves, Member  
**LaRue**  
Wesley McDonald, Chairman  
Roy Veirs, Vice Chairman  
Gary Rock, Member

**Advisors:**  
Homer Best, Hardin  
Shirley Odgen, Hardin  
Allan Carter, LaRue  
Edith Warren, LaRue

**Staff**  
John H. Goff  
Laura Nolan, Hardin PT  
Sue Atcher, Hardin PT  
Cindy Heady, LaRue PT  
Judy Berry, LaRue PT

### Committee Meetings:

The **Hardin Co.** Farm Service Agency committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The **LaRue Co.** FSA committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Committee meetings are open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend.



### Marketing Assistance Loans

2006 crop year loan rates have been announced for Hardin and LaRue counties. Producers sharing in the following commodities may apply for nine-month marketing assistance loans. The loan may be repaid at any time before maturity at the lesser of principal plus interest or the local posted county price. You may call the office each day for posted county prices and loan deficiency payment rates. The interest rate for October 2006 is 6.000 percent.

The loan rates for 2006 are:

	<i>Hardin</i>	<i>LaRue</i>
Corn	\$2.01	\$2.06
Grain Sorghum <i>(cwt)</i>	\$3.60	\$3.59
Soybeans	\$5.17	\$5.12
Wheat	\$2.72	\$2.67
Barley	\$1.60	\$1.60
Oats	\$1.40	\$1.40
Honey <i>(lb.)</i>	\$0.60	\$0.60
Wool <i>(lb.)</i>	\$0.42	\$0.42

The final date to apply for a 2006 marketing assistance loan is January 31, 2007 (wool and honey), March 31, 2007 (wheat, barley, or oats), and May 31, 2007 (corn, grain sorghum, or soybeans).

### Direct Deposit Changes

Most program participants receive payments from the Farm Service Agency by direct deposit. Receiving payments by direct deposit into your account is faster, easier, and much more cost efficient. Please remember to contact the Farm Service Agency if you have changed banks, accounts, or your address changes. This will avoid any delay in receipt of your program payments.

### County Committee Elections

Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 in **Hardin County** will be having an election this year to select a person to serve on the county committee for a three-year term. (LAA) 3 in **LaRue County** will be having an election this year to select a person to serve on the county committee for a three-year term.

The persons who receives the 2<sup>nd</sup> most votes will be selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate, and the persons who receives the 3<sup>rd</sup> most votes will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate to the county committee. Nominees who are on the ballot in Hardin Co. are David Simcoe and George A. Davis. The Nominee on the ballot in LaRue Co. is William Goatley. There is also space for voters to write in names of persons that they wish to cast their ballot.

**Hardin Co. LAA-2** includes the land South HWY 86, West of Beacon Creek Rd.(1904), North of Star Mills Rd. (1375), West of Melrose Rd.

**LaRue Co. LAA-3** includes land South of HWY 222, West of HWY 357, and South of Tanner Road, East of HWY 31E and Southwest of HWY 61.

County committees are responsible for the delivery of Federal farm programs at the local level.

**The Hardin Co. Ballots will be counted at the Hardin Co. FSA Office, 529 Westport Rd., Elizabethtown, Ky., on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

**The LaRue Co. Ballots will be counted at the LaRue Co. FSA Office, 813 Old Elizabethtown Rd., Hodgenville, Ky., on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.**

The public is invited to attend the ballot count. Any producer in the election LAA who did not receive a ballot may request a ballot. **All ballots must be returned by 12/4/06.**

**CCC-1099s for Program Payments**

The Farm Service Agency will mail each person or entity who receives any program payments a CCC-1099 in the later part of January 2007. Program payment recipients will need this information to complete their tax returns for 2006.

**Wednesday Mornings**

In order to keep our staff fully updated and trained to better serve you, the Farm Service Agency opens for business at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. This allows our staff to receive updated training and program payments are processed during this time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**Non-Insured Assistance for Honey Producers**

The FSA offers the non-insured assistance program (NAP) for honey producers. Honey producers may purchase a non-insured assistance insurance policy (NAP) for \$100 per year to cover for low production due to natural disasters. The deadline to apply for a NAP policy for honey is November 20, 2006 for the 2007 year.

**Spousal Signature Authority**

A spouse may sign program documents for their spouse at the Farm Service Agency without any written documentation. FSA now accepts fax signatures without written authorization. Our fax number for Hardin is (270)737-0211 for LaRue it is (270) 358-8072

**Designation by Landowner Method of Farm Division**

The designation by landowner method of farm division is a method of dividing a farm's base acreage in a manner agreed to by all parent farm owners and farm purchasers or transferees. Sellers must have owned the farm for a minimum of three years prior to the date of designation by landowner method. This method may be used when part of a farm or tract is sold to two or more persons, or farm or tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. Form FSA-155, Request for Farm Reconstitution MUST be signed by ALL sellers, buyers, and lien holders. Necessary signatures must be provided to the Farm Service Agency prior to the initiation of the farm or tract division, or bases will be divided using the normal rules of division. Please remember that ownership changes occur when necessary signatures are affixed to a deed.

**Non-Agricultural Uses**

If you area selling land that will be used for non-agricultural uses such as for residential uses, recreational purposes, or commercial purposes, a non-agricultural use memorandum of understanding signed by all sellers and all buyers will possibly allow the owner to retain base acres. Agreements must be signed prior to the execution of the deed as title transfers at the time the deed is signed. The Farm Service Agency reviews records and aerial photography to identify land that is not being used for agricultural purposes. Contact FSA prior to the sale of land if you have questions.

**Fruit and Vegetable Planting Restrictions on Base Acres**

Farms participating in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program are reminded that fruits and vegetables cannot be planted on contract acres. For example, if a farm has twenty acres of cropland and 18.0 acres of corn base, no more than two acres of fruits or vegetables can be planted without a penalty and the possibility of his loss of program benefits.

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day
Nov. 20	NAP Deadline
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 6&8	Count Ballots
Dec. 25	Christmas

**Non-Insured Assistance Sales Closing Dates**

Producers of crops that traditional crop insurance is not available for may purchase non-insured assistance (NAP) policies for \$100 per crop, not to exceed a fee of \$300 per county. For producers who are considered limited resource producers (gross incomes less than \$20,000 per year), NAP can be obtained free without the \$100 per crop administrative fee being charged. Examples of NAP crops would be apples, potatoes, carrots, onions, alfalfa hay, mixed forage hay, mixed forage for grazing, shrimp, catfish, blackberries, strawberries, and various other commercially grown crops. The deadline for apples, pears, pecans, and rhubarb is Nov. 20, 2006 for the 2007 crop year. For forage crops such as mixed forage for hay or grazing and alfalfa, the sales closing date is March 1, 2007 for the 2007 crop year. Give us a call if you have questions about the NAP.