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Henderson County News

**Henderson County
USDA Service Center**

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Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee
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County Committee meets
1st Tuesday of the Month

Staff
Josh Kirkland, CED
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Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, rice, soybeans and corn.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities.

Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office staff.

Farm & Tract Data Upload

Henderson County is now certified to use the new GIS maps that have been issued to all farm owners and operators. These new maps and the information that is contained on them now must be loaded into our farm and tract records system. Every tract within the county must be updated.

These updates are connected to all DCP contracts held on participating farms. We will be updating this information prior to signup, insuring a smooth signup process for the 2007 contract year.

Help for Online Access

Do you want to do FSA business online from the convenience of your home but need to know how to get started? For any business that requires transmitting sensitive information electronically, FSA requires users to have an electronic authorization. This keeps your information secure. Prior to conducting business online, individuals must register themselves. By using the internet and accessing the following link

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/>.

Producers can start the e-authorization process by clicking the Online Services tab. Contact the county office if you have questions about doing business online or how to establish your e-authorization.

Refund of Unearned CC Payments

There is the potential that under current market prices producers who received advance counter-cyclical payments may be required to repay all or a portion of these payments.

Producers have two options to refund unearned advances:

Refund Option 1:

Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically reduce any Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you received, to satisfy your obligation to repay the unearned advance counter-cyclical payments. Scheduled payments you may have received during this period include final direct payment for the previous year, advance counter-cyclical payments, and advance direct payments. For this method you need not take any action—the Farm Service Agency Service Center will automatically take deductions from future DCP payments.

Refund Option 2: This method follows procedures under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. Under this option you will be sent an initial notification letter following the end of each crop’s marketing year that will inform

You of the specific amount of county office staff if you wish to use refund option 2.

Payment Limitations

USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation once completed are reviewed on an annual basis.

It is the producer’s responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation.

The following limitations apply to Direct and Countercyclical Program payments for each contract year. For all covered commodities (except peanuts): \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments. For peanuts: \$40,000 for direct payments and \$65,000 for counter-cyclical payments.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program has a \$450,000 payment limitation.

The Conservation Reserve Program annual limit is \$50,000 per person.

Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, addresses, and ID numbers of their members.

Adjusted Gross Income

Effective through 2007, an individual or entity shall not be eligible for certain program benefits during a crop, program or fiscal year if the following apply.

- The three-year average of the adjusted gross income for the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million; **and**
- Less than 75 percent of the average AGI is derived from farming, ranching or forestry operations.

Accessibility

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in any meeting, event or function should contact the county office. FSA is committed to making programs accessible to all customers.

Dates to Remember	
Oct. 9	Columbus Day Holiday. FSA offices closed
Nov. 1	Sign-up for 2007 Tobacco Transition Payment