



October 2007

Hardin-LaRue FSA News

**Hardin County
USDA Service Center**

**Hardin/Larue County
FSA**
529 Westport Rd.
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
Phone: 270 765-2702
Fax: 270 737-0211
www.fsa.usda.gov/ky

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

**Hardin County
Committee**
Ray Allan Mackey,
Chairman
Ron Seagraves, Vice
Chairman
Dave Simcoe, Member

Larue County Committee
Roy Viers, Chairman
Gary Rock, Vice Chairman
Bill Goatley, Member

Advisor
Shirley Odgen
Edith Warren

Staff
John H. Goff, CED
Laura Nolan, PT
Sue Atcher, PT
Cindy Heady, PT
Judy Berry, PT

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.



Marketing Assistance Loans

2007 crop year loan rates have been announced for Hardin and Larue counties. Persons 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.

The loan rates for 2007 are:

	<i>Hardin</i>	<i>Larue</i>
Corn	\$2.03	\$2.07
Grain Sorghum <i>(cwt)</i>	\$3.64	\$3.63
Soybeans	\$5.19	\$5.12
Wheat	\$2.62	\$2.57
Barley	\$1.65	\$1.65
Oats	\$1.42	\$1.42
Honey <i>(lb.)</i>	\$0.60	\$0.60
Wool <i>(lb.)</i>	\$0.42	\$0.42

The final date to apply for a 2007 marketing assistance loan is January 31, 2008 (wheat and honey), March 31, 2008 (wheat, barley, or oats), and May 31, 2008 (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.

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 is (270)737-0211.

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 2008. Program payment recipients will need this information to complete their tax returns for 2007.

County Committee Elections

Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 in Hardin County and local administrative area (LAA) 2 in Larue Co. will be having elections this year to select persons to serve on the area committee for a three-year term. The person who receives the 2nd most votes in each LAA election will be selected as the 1st alternate, and the person who receives the 3rd most votes in each LAA will be the 2nd alternate to the area committee.

Nominees who are on the ballot for Hardin Co. LAA-3 are Kevin Mobley, Amos Hall. Nominees on the ballot for Larue Co. LAA-2 are Roy Veirs and Richard Zahrndt. Space is provided for voters to write in names of candidates for which they wish to cast their ballot.

Any person who does not receive a ballot and lives in LAAs-3 or 2 may request a ballot from FSA. Ballots will be mailed in early November and must be returned by 12/03/07.

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, 2007 for the 2008 year.

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 are 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.

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, 2007 for the 2008 crop year. For forage crops such as mixed forage for hay or grazing and alfalfa, the sales closing date is March 1, 2008 for the 2008 crop year. Contact the FSA if you have questions about the NAP.

Controlled Substances

Program Participants convicted under federal or state law of planting, harvesting, cultivating, growing, producing, or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits. Persons convicted for any of these actions are ineligible for the current and the succeeding four crop years.

**Contact us at:
(270)765-2702**

Dates to Remember	
Oct. 8	Columbus Day
Nov. 12	Veterans Day
Nov.22	Thanksgiving
Dec. 25	Christmas Day

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

Recently added to the Farm Storage Facility Loan program are structures that are upright, bunker-type, horizontal, or open silos in design for which whole grain storage is intended. Re-manufactured oxygen-limiting storage structures built to the original manufacturer's design specifications using original manufacturer's rebuild kits intended for whole grain storage or other than whole grain storage and having a useful life of at least 10 years have also been added to the FSFL Program.

Facility loan commodities now include corn, grain sorghum, oats, or wheat. However, flat storage structures to store facility loan commodities harvested as dry hay are not eligible.

Permanent affixed grain-handling equipment and grain drying equipment determined to be needed and essential to the proper functioning of a grain storage system (without a loan for storage structures); and existing storage renovations are eligible for FSFL's.