



Marshall County News

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COC ELECTION: Kenny Oliver was recently elected to serve on the County Committee. Kenny represents LAA2. Neal Cole was elected as 1st Alternate. We appreciate both Kenny Oliver and Neal Cole for their willingness to serve.

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Nap was implemented to compensate growers of noninsured crops when losses, because of natural disasters, are severe and widespread. Eligible crops of NAP payments are any commercial commodity grown for food or fiber, including hay, for which crop insurance is not available. To be eligible for NAP, producers must pay the service fee, \$100 per crop, report their acreage timely, and report any losses within 15 days after the disaster condition occurred or damage to the crop became apparent. The last day to purchase a NAP policy for hay and pasture is March 1, 2008. For closing dates on other NAP crops, please contact this office.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM: We are currently administering a crop disaster program for insured producers who suffered losses because of adverse weather conditions during crop years 2005, 2006 and/or 2007 crops. Applications can be filed for all 3 years, but the payment will be calculated on the year with the greatest loss. If you received an indemnity payment on your losses, the information will be sent to this office from RMA. If you carry a group risk policy and suffered losses, you will need to submit your production from **all** farms in order for the loss to be calculated. Signup for quality losses will be announced at a late date.

LCP: Signup for the 2007 Livestock Compensation Program will begin soon. This program is open to eligible livestock producers who suffered livestock feed or pasture losses in 2007 due to drought conditions. Eligible livestock include beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine and poultry that are owned by the producer and that are part of a commercial livestock operation. Livestock that are free roaming or used for recreational purposes are not eligible. Producers will need livestock numbers and pasture acres from February 2007 in order to complete an application. Producers who recently applied and received a 2005 Livestock Compensation Program Payment may choose to file a 2007 application also. You will receive the higher of the two years applications. In short, if you have more eligible animals in 2007, you may qualify for additional payments. If you did not have livestock in 2005, but did in 2007, you need to apply.

TOBACCO: Tobacco payment were recently issued.. If you enrolled for your payment during the initial sign-up and have been receiving payments, you do not need to sign again. **If the contract needs to be changed, please contact this office.** Payments can be changed from the original producer to a family member, or can be changed because of the death of the original contract holder. In case of death, we will need a copy of the death certificate, and payments will go to the surviving spouse first, and then to the heirs of the estate.

Loan Rates: 2007 loan rates for Marshall County are as follows:

Wheat: \$2.66 Corn \$2.09 Soybeans \$5.24

Loans are available through March for farm stored wheat and through May for farm stored soybeans.

CRP: Persons may request to enroll certain acreage in the continuous CRP signup. This provision provides producers and landowners with management flexibility when planning conservation enhancements to their farming operations. Cost share, and other incentive payments are available for eligible acreage. Eligible practices include: Waterways, Filter Strips and Field Borders/Quail Habitats. For other options available under this program, or to determine your eligibility, please contact this office or NRCS.

FARM RECONSTITUTIONS: If you have sold or purchased any land that has not been reported to this office, contact us as soon as possible so that our records can be updated. Now is the time of year to complete any farm changes, since we need to complete any farm divisions and/or combinations before enrolling farms in any programs. We will need a copy of the deed and a PVA map before making any changes.

ADDRESS CHANGES/CELL PHONE NUMBERS/E-MAIL ADDRESSES: All FSA offices have migrated to a new name and address information database. This new database allows FSA, NRCS, and RD to share producer information. For this reason, it is very important to notify this office of any address changes. The new system also allows for a more complete producer profile. If you choose, we can now enter e-mail addresses, cell phone numbers and/or fax numbers. This information will allow for faster communication from this office.