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Warren-Edmonson FSA News

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Hours

Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Jack Estes, Chairperson
Tim Westbrook, Vice-Chair
Danny Davenport, Member
David "Dick" Davis, Member
Charlie Tarter, Member

Advisors:

Joseph Jewell
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Committee Meetings:

The Warren-Edmonson Farm Service Agency area committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Committee meetings are open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend.

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

2006 crop year loan rates have been announced for Warren and Edmonson 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 and select option 191 on the automated menu after 7:15 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:

	Warren	Edmonson
Corn	\$2.03	\$2.00
Grain Sorghum <i>(cwt)</i>	\$3.58	\$3.53
Soybeans	\$5.17	\$5.17
Wheat	\$2.68	\$2.70
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.

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)783-9009.

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.

Area Committee Elections

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

Nominees who are on the ballot are Linda Dickerson, Brad Moore, and Tim Westbrook. There is also space for voters to write in names of persons that they wish to cast their ballot.

LAA-3 is composed of southern Warren County and includes the communities of Boyce, Claypool, Alvaton, Rockfield, Matlock, Plano,

Any person who does not receive a ballot and lives in LAA-3 may request a ballot from FSA. Ballots will be mailed in early November and must be returned by 12/04/06.

New Farm Loan Officer



Brian Turner became the new Farm Loan Officer on May 29, 2006. Brian graduated in May 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Dairy Science from Western Kentucky University. Brian has an extensive background in agricultural lending with experience in the commercial lending field and with farm credit. Brian resides in Bowling Green with his wife and daughter. Brian serves the farmers in Allen, Edmonson, Simpson, and Warren counties. Anyone who has agricultural credit needs is invited to contact Brian at the USDA Service Center or by telephone (270)843-1111.

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.

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 plated without a penalty and the possibility of the loss of program benefits.

Dates to Remember	
Nov. 10	Veteran's Day
Nov. 20	NAP Deadline
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving
Dec. 4	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, 2007 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 of the 2007 crop year. Give us a call if you have questions about the NAP.