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Wayne County News

**Wayne 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
The first Tuesday of each
month.

Staff
Sharon Denney, FLM
Vicki Askins, FLO
Judy Gregory, PT
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Richard Crouch, CED
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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION 2006

On November 3rd County Committee Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in Wayne County.

This year the election is for LAA 2, which consists of the following communities: Frazer, Betsey, Touristville, Mill Springs, part of Stuebenville, Jabez, Faubush, Trimble, Fall Creek, Cumberland Ridge, Eadsville, Tolers Ridge, Parnell, and part of Monticello.

Farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program. In a community property state, spouses may also be eligible to vote.

This year's nominees are:

- Shirley Garth
- Gene Guinn
- Sabrina Flynn
- Jimmy Martin.

Ballots must be completed and signed, then returned to the local FSA office no later than December 4th. If returned by mail, they must be postmarked by December 4th.

2007 ACREAGE REPORTS

Producers of grains, tobacco, fruits and vegetables have been reporting planted acreage annually. In recent years it has become a wise practice to report hay and pasture acreage also. This will save producers late-filing fees if there is a natural disaster such as drought or excessive rain.

2007 Acreage Reports may be made after the crop is planted. Planting dates are required.

Acreage reports are required for farms participating in the Direct & Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP), Commodity Loans, and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Reporting Deadlines:

- Small Grains May 31
- All other crops July 17

FARM LOANS

FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. Under the guaranteed loan program, FSA guarantees loans made by commercial agricultural lenders up to 95 percent of any loss.

Farm ownership loans may be used to purchase or improve real estate or reorganize the farm business.

Farm Operating Loans

Farm operating loans may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, real estate repairs, and refinancing debt.

Socially Disadvantaged Loans

Socially Disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice without regard to his or her individual qualifications.

PHONE NUMBERS	
Farm Service Agency	606-348-9383 606-348-9384
Ag Credit, (Farm Loans)	606-348-8469
Rural Development (Housing Loans)	606-678-4842, Ext. 4
Natural Resources Conservation Service(NRCS)	606-348-9385
Cooperative Extension Service	606-348-8453

ADDRESS

Any time your address changes, please contact this office so your records can be kept up to date.

PAYMENTS

2006 DCP final payments will be issued in October. Final payment rates are:

- Wheat 0.520
- Oats 0.024
- Corn 0.280
- Grain Sorghum 0.350
- Soybeans 0.440
- Barley 0.240

2005 Counter-Cyclical Final Payments on Corn will be issued in October. The 2005 Counter-Cyclical payment rate was paid on the following commodities:

- Barley 0.130
- Corn 0.350
- Grain Sorghum 0.270

2007 DCP SIGN-UP

Sign-up, for 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) contracts, begins in October. Producer will have the option to request a small advance on the 2007 payments. Counter Cyclical advance payments are also available upon request. When advance Counter Cyclical payments are received, but the final payment is determined to be less, producers must refund their advance payment.

MILCX PROGRAM

September Rate \$0.9656
October Rate \$0.4318

Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)

AFIDA was enacted to establish a nationwide system to monitor ownership and purchases of transactions and holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Foreign persons who acquire, transfer, or hold interests in agricultural land must report the transactions and holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Penalties are assessed against foreign persons who fail to accurately and timely report. Failure to report could result in a fine of up to 25 percent of the property's fair market value.

Foreign persons buying or selling agricultural land on or after February 2, 1979, must report the transaction within 90 days of the date of the transaction.

Agricultural land is land used within the last 5 years for farming, ranching, forestry, or timber production of more than 10 acres in the aggregate.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) has been designated to collect the AFIDA reports on form FSA-153. Persons wishing to obtain an AFIDA report form may do so from any county FSA office. However the completed form must be returned to the FSA county office where the land is located or where the programs are administered.

Also note that attorneys, real estate brokers, farm managers, banks, holdings companies, and agents can report on behalf of foreign investors.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

To ensure payments are received timely, be sure to notify the FSA office if there is a change in an account that will receive an FSA direct deposit payment.

Dates to Remember	
Nov 3, 2006	COC Election Ballots Mailed
Nov 10, 2006	Office Closed - Veterans' Day
Nov 20, 2006	NAP closing date for Apples, Blueberries, Cranberries, Grapes, Honey, Peaches, Pears, Pecans, Rhubarb.
Nov 23, 2006	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec 4, 2006	Last day to return Ballots
Dec 25, 2006	Office Closed – Christmas
Jan 1, 2007	Elected COC members and alternates take office.
Jan 1, 2007	Office Closed – New Year's Day

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