



Person County Farm Service Agency Newsletter

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*Program
Reminders*

Commodity Loans Available

Crop Reporting Deadlines

May 15 – Wheat, Barley, Oats
June 30 – All other crops

Notify FSA of changes in land ownership.

DCP Signup October 1 – August 3

**Farm Reconstitution Deadline
April 15, 2007**

Notify FSA of bank changes affecting direct deposit.

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Make a Difference

From June 15 through Aug. 1, farmers can nominate eligible peers, from the Bushy Fork, Flat River, or Mt. Tirzah townships, as candidates for election to the Person County Farm Service Agency county committee.

This is an important time for the community because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers weather tough financial times and natural disasters.

Also, committee members are responsible for hiring the county executive director – a key player in the delivery of farm programs.

County committee members make many other important decisions that affect local farmers and ranchers, such as whether haying and grazing should be allowed on Conservation Reserve Program land. Talk to a county committee member or the CED for details on the types of decisions county committee members make.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms are enclosed with this newsletter or can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

Remember, the nomination period runs June 15 through Aug. 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2. Dec. 3 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2008.

Make a Difference: Nominate and Vote!

Acreage Reporting Deadline June 30

The Farm Service Agency would like to remind farmers that crop reports covering all crops and land uses must be completed by June 30, 2007 for the farm or the crops to be eligible for any USDA benefits.

Crop acreage reports for wheat, barley, oats and any other fall seeded crops should have been reported by May 15, 2007. A late fee will be required to report these crops now.

Participation in all FSA programs and filing acreage reports is voluntary; however the filing of a timely and accurate acreage report is required in order to receive any USDA benefits. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.



**Visit FSA Online at
WWW.FSA.USDA.Gov**

2007 DCP Sign-up October 1 Through August 3, 2007

The sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended until August 3, 2007.

Any farm that has a grain base and has land in agricultural use is eligible to participate. The person that will be in control of the cropland enrolled for the 2007 crop year will be the only person that is eligible for the DCP payment. **An entire farm cannot be leased to someone and the landowner receive the DCP payment and a farmer cannot receive payments from a farm they no longer lease.**

Advance payments may be requested at sign up. Any payments requested before July 1, 2007 will require the signatures of the farm owners on the DCP contract. If you are applying for a DCP on farm that you did not receive the payment on last year the farm owners will be required to sign the contract.

NAP Sales Closing Dates for 2008

If you are interested in having NAP coverage on your uninsurable 2008 crops you must file an application and pay a \$100 administrative fee, per crop, before the sales closing date for the crop. NAP provides coverage from catastrophic losses cause by natural disasters. Losses in excess of 50% of the normal yield are covered at 55% of the established market price.

Some of the upcoming sales closing dates are:

Strawberries - September 1, 2007

Pasture and Hay – November 20, 2007

Most Vegetables – January 1 or February 28, 2008

Check with the FSA Office for the exact date for your specific crop.

Power of Attorney

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., we have a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information. If you want a crop loan, a power of attorney form will need to be completed for husband and wife, if both do not come into the office to sign the forms on the day the loan is disbursed.

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