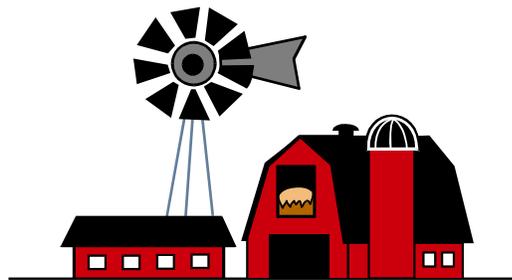


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NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) INFORMATION

Sales closing date for 2006 crop year sorghum forage (cane), millet, and other spring crops is March 15, 2006.

Your crop production must be reported to FSA even if you do not file a notice of loss. **Accurate and detailed crop production records are a must.** Bring your production evidences such as scale tickets and bale counts, "contemporaneous diary" or diary kept at the time, (usually on a calendar), or sales documents. **Always keep your records for three years.** FSA will verify your production if a loss claim is filed or will verify it for a fee if no loss is filed. Reporting your production is very important if you have NAP coverage. Failure to report by the deadline will result in an assigned yield being used and can be detrimental to your actual production history. **Report your 2005 production now.**

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Extensions or Re-Enrollments

Landowners with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2007 will be offered contract re-enrollments or extensions designed to keep environmentally sensitive land in the conservation program. Participants will receive a letter from their Farm Service Agency county office explaining the offer and outlining their options. **CRP participants have until April 14 to accept the offer.**

Be sure to read the Kansas State FSA newsletter coming soon for more details.

Producers should contact the staff at their local Farm Service Agency county office for additional information.

General Signup

A general CRP signup is scheduled for March 27 through April 14. This signup will be to accept offers to enroll new land into the Conservation Reserve Program. Also any land under CRP contracts expiring September 30, 2006 will be eligible to be offered for a new contract. More details will be in the Kansas State FSA newsletter coming soon.

**SIGN-UP FOR THE DIRECT
AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL
PROGRAM**

Sign-up is now underway for the 2006 program year. Deadline is June 1, 2006.

Advance direct payments of 40% can be requested at the time of sign-up for any month through September 2006. The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible after they occur. Any changes that could affect the farming operation, such as land ownership changes, operator changes, establishing or closing estates or other changes, need to be reported now so changes can be made prior to enrolling the farm in the DCP.

Acres Reports

May 31, 2006 final date for acreage reports for wheat, alfalfa, native grass grazing (pastures), oats, and other small grains.

Stop in now to report your acres if you have not already done so.

Complete acreage reports are required to earn most program benefits.

Late filed acreage reports require a fee to be accepted.

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