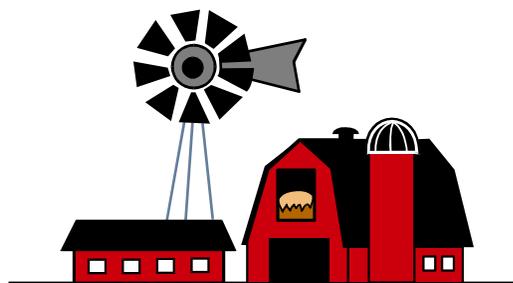


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NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) INFORMATION

Sales closing date for 2007 crop year alfalfa, grass forage, native grass pasture, and Oats forage is December 1, 2006.

November 15, 2006 is the deadline for filing a notice of loss on 2006 alfalfa, forage sorghum (cane), native pasture, or grass hay.

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. **Report your 2006 production now.**

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

The CCC-633EZ Page 1 must be filed prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop. Beneficial interest is lost when the crop is sold, fed, delivered to fill a contract, delivered to a feedlot, or otherwise disposed of.

Producers will need to file page 2 after the crop is harvested to receive the LDP, either on the date it is requested or the date beneficial interest in the crop is lost. Page 2 can be filed after beneficial interest has been lost as long as there was a Page 1 on file prior to losing beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be based on the date beneficial interest was lost, or the date the Page 2 was filed if the producer still has beneficial interest in the commodity. There must be a Page 1 on file prior to losing beneficial interest in the crop to be able to file a Page 2 to request the LDP payment.

You can obtain a copy of CCC-633EZ (all pages) at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>

The form can be completed in person, mail, fax, or e-Forms. For more information contact the FSA office.

Don't forget LDP's are available on crops harvested as hay or silage such as corn silage or dual purpose sorghum hay or silage.

Daily LDP rates can be heard by calling the FSA office and selecting option 2 for FSA and then option 7 for LDP rates. LDP rates can also be found on the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/.

SIGN-UP FOR THE DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM

Under the new farm program, producers must sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical program (DCP) annually. **Sign-up is now underway for the 2007 program year.**

Advance direct payments of 22% can be requested beginning in December 2006 or any month through September 2007. The final direct payment will be made in October 2007. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested. **Record changes made after advance payments are issued may result in having to refund the payments you have received.**

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.

Items for Sheep, Wool and Mohair Producers

Wool and mohair are eligible for loans or LDP's. CCC-633 EZ, page 1 is needed before the shearing takes place. This also applies to slaughtered unshorn lambs, a CCC-633 EZ, page 1 is needed before the sale of the lambs for the unshorn lamb pelt LDP. Producers will need to file page 2 after the wool is shorn or after the unshorn lambs are sold to receive the LDP.

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The Agricultural Foreign Investment Act, (AFIDA), requires foreign persons, including corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, associations or like entities who acquire, transfer or hold interests in Ag land, to report these holdings and changes to the Secretary of Agriculture. Reports must be submitted within 90 days of the date the land is bought, sold or transferred. Forms for reporting are available at any FSA office. Failure to timely file an accurate report may result in a penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

2006 Phillips County Loan Rates

Wheat	\$2.69 per bushel
Barley	\$1.80 per bushel
Oats	\$1.34 per bushel
Corn	\$1.93 per bushel
Grain sorghum	\$3.09 per hundred weight
Soybeans	\$4.72 per bushel
Sunflowers	\$9.15 per hundred weight

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Changing Accounts, Banks?

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically these days, using Direct Deposit. The switch has cut down on the number of missing and late payments.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions. If you've made any changes in accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact us so we can update our files.

County Election Voting Begins

Ballots for this year's county committee election will be mailed to eligible voters on Nov. 3. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on Dec. 4. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight Dec. 4.

The candidates in this year's election for LAA #1 are:

Warren Kelly, a crop and livestock producer

Sharon Krafft, a crop and livestock producer

Eligible voters in local administrative area #1 who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff.

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PHILLIPS COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE

**Paul Merklein
Mark Losey
Jimmy DeBey
Marlene Peters**

**Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Regular Member
Advisor**

The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

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