



Polk County News

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- January 1, 2008 – Term begins for newly elected COC members, see article below**
- January 17, 2008 – Farm Loan Officers in Dallas office, see article below**
- February 21, 2008 – Farm Loan Officers in Dallas office.**
- March 20, 2008 – Farm Loan Officers in Dallas office.**

WINTER STORM DECEMBER 1-4, 2007

Did you suffer any type of crop or structural damage due to this storm? If so please contact the Farm Service Agency office at 503-623-2396 extension 2 and report your damage. The information collected will be used to complete a Disaster Assessment Report and help in identifying what actions the County Committee needs to take. If you have pictures email them to andrew.schmidt@or.usda.gov you can also email your damage report.

2008 ACREAGE REPORTING

If you have your planting completed for 2008 crops, please call the office to set up an appointment to do your acreage report.

2008 NAP DEADLINES

FSA is currently taking applications for 2008 Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of federally non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented plantings occur due to natural disasters. Nap fees are the lesser of \$100/ crop or \$300/ producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$900/ producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are crops for which catastrophic crop insurance is not available. For a complete list of eligible crops, please contact the Polk County FSA office.

Eligible causes of loss are natural disasters that occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the NAP crop. Examples of natural disasters include, but are not limited to, damaging weather (drought, freeze or hail), adverse natural occurrence (earthquake or flood) or a condition relating to one of the above.

2008 NAP crop closing dates are:

March 15, 2008	May 31, 2008
All spring planted crops not mentioned, including safflower, sunflower, mustard, melons, legumes, potatoes and squash (pumpkins, etc)	Buckwheat

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY PROGRAMS

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs **directly resulting from natural disasters** occurring between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible. During this period Polk County was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of

declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

The Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007. During this period Polk County was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

If you think either one of these programs applies to you, then contact the Polk County FSA office immediately. Keep in mind the disaster condition has to have directly caused your loss. No deadline has been set to sign-up for this program, but don't wait to hear about one.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM

This program will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters. It compensates producers for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged containment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets.

To be eligible for DDAP-III, dairy producers must have suffered losses in primary and contiguous counties declared or designated a natural disaster. Also, producers in counties receiving an FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notice determination are eligible.

To find out more information or to apply for the program, contact the FSA County Office.

FARM LOAN OFFICER PRESENCE IN DALLAS OFFICE EACH MONTH

Beginning January 17, 2008 a Farm Loan officer will be available in the Dallas FSA office on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Farm Loan officers are more than willing to meet with Polk County producers in the Dallas office anytime not just on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you intend to stop by to visit a Farm Loan Officer on the day they are scheduled to be in the Dallas office, please give a courtesy call to Sharilyn at 503-399-5741 ext 2, so they can bring your file with them.

COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Adam Loop was elected to replace Scott Faber as the regular member for area #1, which is all land North of Highway 22 and East of Perrydale Road. Wayne Simmons was elected to serve as the alternate. Elected individuals serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2008.

2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin distribution of the 2007 Census of Agriculture later this month, thereby allowing America's farmers and ranchers the opportunity to participate in shaping the future of agriculture.

Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Census is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. According to NASS, the Census of Agriculture provides information that is not available elsewhere. The last Ag Census was conducted in 2002.

NASS will mail out Census forms on December 28, 2007 to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail or, for the first time, they have the convenient option of filling out the Census online via a secure web site at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>.

Policy-makers use Census data for decisions concerning agricultural and rural programs. Community planners use Census information to target delivery of local services. Companies rely on Census data when determining where to locate their operations. And farmers themselves look at Census data when deciding to make changes in their production strategies.

NEED A FARM LOAN?

The Farm Service Agency has the following loans available:

Operating Loans

Real Estate Loans

Operating Debt Refinancing

Loans for Minorities & Women

Loans for Beginning Farmers

Youth Loans for 4-H or FFA members



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Attention: Agricultural group members and leaders. Do want FSA to come to your meeting and talk about what FSA has to offer you? If so contact Andrew Schmidt at 503-623-2396 extension 105 or by email at andrew.schmidt@or.usda.gov

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