

August, 2006

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Office Hours

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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County Committee

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County Committee

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Meet 4th Tuesday of the month
@ 8:00 a.m.

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Managed Haying/Grazing Allowed

Regulations governing the CRP program permit “**managed haying/grazing activities**” to be performed on acreage under a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract 1 out of every 3 years after the cover is fully established for some CRP practices. Conservation plans must be revised and approval in writing must be granted before any haying or grazing begins.

Haying was permitted between July 16 and August 15. Grazing can be conducted from July 15 to November 12 not to exceed 120 consecutive days. There is a 25% per acre reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres actually hayed or grazed. Participants may lease the haying or grazing privilege to any eligible livestock producer and hay harvested under managed provision may be sold.

2006 Commodity Loans

Nine-month commodity loans may be obtained by placing the eligible commodity in approved:

- Farm Storage and either requesting a measurement service or certifying the loan quantity on CCC-666
- Warehouse storage, and obtain a loan on 100 percent of the net quantity on the warehouse receipt.

A lien search, including Federal and State tax liens, will be performed in the Secretary of State’s office for all loans after the loan request is filed and before the loan can be approved. The producer must obtain all necessary lien waivers (CCC-679) before the loan can be disbursed.

The county loan rate will be:

- If farm stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for applicable discounts.
- If warehouse stored, the rate applicable in the county where the commodity is stored, adjusted for premiums and discounts. For warehouse receipts under merged warehouse code agreements the receipt must show location and county where the commodity was originally delivered, and the loan rate in the county where the commodity was delivered will apply.

Regulations have changed for 2006 and subsequent years related to beneficial interest and producers being eligible for Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. The new regulations require that load summary sheets or delivery records provided at the time of application **MUST** be certified by the warehouse that ownership or title of the delivered commodity remains with the producer.

Commodity Loan Rates

Commodity	Riley	Geary
Corn	1.93	1.96
Grain Sorghum	3.26	3.27
Soybeans	4.90	4.90
Wheat-HRW	2.79	2.80

National Animal Identification System

As a customer service, the Kansas Farm Service Agency will assist livestock producers with online premise registration. Premise registration is the first step in implementing the USDA's National Animal Identification System. NAIS is the foundation of the program that will allow rapid trace-back of animals in the case of a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) outbreak. This service is made available through a partnership arrangement with the Kansas Animal Health Department. Registering a premise is voluntary and no fees will be charged. Visit your local FSA service center for more information

CRP Reminders

Both offices have recently completed a number of compliance reviews on CRP acreage. Common findings found during the reviews were the presence of invasive trees and undesirable weeds. Participants are paid an annual maintenance fee of \$5.00 per acre to maintain the contract cover and are reminded that failure to maintain CRP acres can cause penalties and/or possible contract termination.

Possession of Firearms Prohibited

USDA customers are reminded that Federal Law 18 USC Sections 930 prohibits the possession, use, or threat of use of a firearm or other dangerous weapon on Federal Facilities (owned or leased), including buildings and parking areas. The term "dangerous weapon" means a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, that is used for, or is readily capable of, causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 1/2 inches in length.

Beginning January 2007, under the Personal and Family Protection Act, qualified Kansan's may be approved to carry concealed handguns. However, USDA customers are reminded that any weapon, including licensed concealed, is prohibited by Federal Law in Federal facilities and parking areas. Violations can result in fines or imprisonment, or both.

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Mark Your Calendar

- Sept. 1 1st NAP Application Closing Date
- Sept. 4 Labor Day – Office Closed
- Sept. 30 Final Date to Late File 2006 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Contract
- Oct. 1 Signup for 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program begins.
- Oct. 9 Columbus Day - Office Closed