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COC Election

County Committee Election ballots were mailed from Kansas City to eligible voters beginning November 2, 2007. If you are an eligible voter in a LAA holding election this year, you should have already received your ballot. If you have any questions regarding the COC election process, please contact your local FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots are due back in the county office by the close of business on December 3, 2007. Elected committee members and alternates will take office on January 1, 2008.

Farm Loan Program Streamlining (FLP)

FSA published the revision of direct loan regulations in the *Federal Register* on November 8, 2007 as a final rule entitled, "Regulatory Streamlining of the Farm Service Agency's Direct Farm Loan Programs." Along with the release of the related handbooks and forms, this marks the successful completion of the FLP streamlining initiative, one of the most aggressive undertakings to enhance both the direct and guaranteed programs in FLP's 60-year history.

With the completion of the initiative, the forms and rules necessary to administer FLP are significantly streamlined: The amount of differing guidance sources is consolidated by 85 percent, the number of pages in the CFR is reduced by more than 80 percent and the number of forms is cut nearly in half. FLP will be administered through six handbooks containing approximately 2,000 pages, less than 170 pages in the CFR, and approximately 240 forms. The new FLP regulations, handbooks and forms officially take effect on December 31, 2007.

NAP Sales Closing Dates for 2008

Upcoming NAP Sales Closing Dates for 2008	
12-01-2007	3-15-2008
Apples	Alfalfa
Asparagus	Alfalfa Seed
Grapes	Forage Seeding
Honey	Grass Hay
Mint	Mixed Hay
Raspberries	Grazing Forage
Rhubarb	Grass Seed
Strawberries	All Other Spring Seeded Crops

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The 2007 Census of Agriculture is your chance to share your voice. Your response provides vital information that impacts decisions about community development, funding availability, farm policy and other key issues. By actively participating in the Census, you join with other voices to make positive changes.

Look for the Census in your mailbox in early January 2008. Complete and return it by February 4, 2008. Remember, when you lend your voice, you help ensure a better future for your operation, your family and your community.



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CDP, LCP and LIP Signups

Included in this newsletter is a two page brochure with information on the 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program. Sign up for CDP began on 10-15-07.

Signup for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) began on 9-10-07. LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disaster occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. LIP compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 that resulted from natural disasters.

Producers with losses should contact their local FSA office to make appointments to sign up for any of the three disaster programs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Continuous Continuous CRP Signup
Continuous FSFL Loans

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Production Loss Worksheets

Note: These worksheets are available at all FSA offices and are only to be used as a tool to project the production loss payment calculation. The actual payment amount may differ, or may be reduced due to payment limitation provisions or other considerations.

Single-Price Worksheet: Applicable to most crops since there is only a single crop insurance or NAP price, such as wheat, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, barley, oats, and forage crops.

1 Crop	2 Acres	3 Hist. Yield	4 Disaster Level (2) x (3) x 65%	5 Net Prod.	6 Net. Pay. Prod. (4) minus (5)	7 Pay. Rate	8 Pay. Factor	9 Salvage Value	10 Calculated Payment {(6) x (7) x (8) x 42%} minus (9)
Ex: CORN	100.0	80 bu./ac.	5,200 bushel	2,000 bushel	3,200 bushel	\$2.00 per bu.	1.0	0	\$2,688
WHEAT	100.0	40 bu./ac.	2,600 bushel	900 bushel	1,700 bushel	\$3.15 per bu.	1.0	0	\$2,249

Additional Instructions

- Item 3: Higher of the APH (NAP or crop insurance actual production history) yield or the county expected yield.
- Item 6: If zero or negative, the payment calculation amount for the crop is zero.
- Item 7: Crop insurance price or NAP price.
- Item 8: Enter 1.0 for harvested acreage. Prevented planted or unharvested acreage will require a factor.
- Item 9: Dollar amount received for salvaged production times 42%.

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**2005 - 2007 Crop
Disaster Program**



General Information

November 2007

2005 – 2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who were prevented from planting a crop or suffered production and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions, such as freeze, drought, excessive moisture, hail, excessive wind, or excessive heat.

Legislation for this program was included in the “U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.”

General Information:

- [Must be insured or covered by FSA's NAP Program for the year of loss.](#)
- [Signup Period:](#) October 15, 2007 to a date to be announced. Contact your County FSA Office to make an appointment.
- [Select one of the crop years:](#) 2005-2007 (2007 crops only eligible if planted before February 28, 2007.)

Crop Insurance / NAP Requirement

Only producers who obtained federal crop insurance coverage (including CAT) or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

Payment Limitation

Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the production not lost, must not exceed 95% of the expected production for the disaster year as estimated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Production Loss Payments

Producers must have suffered production losses in excess of 35 percent. For most crops, the calculation will compare the production amount to the higher of the county yield or the producer's actual production history. The amount of loss in excess of 35% will be eligible for quantity payments at 42% of the payment rate.

Quality Loss Payments

In addition to production loss payments, payments for quality reductions due to eligible conditions in excess of 25% may be provided. Producers may submit their marketing contracts to establish a higher payment rate for the production sold pursuant to the contract. To receive quality loss payments, producers must have suffered an economic loss to quality-affected production of at least 25% of the expected value.

Average Adjusted Gross Income Provision

An individual or entity shall not be eligible if **both** of the following apply:

- the three year average of the adjusted gross income (AGI) for the individual or entity exceeds \$2.5 million;
- less than 75 percent of the average AGI is derived from farming, ranching or forestry operations.

Application for Benefits

You **must** complete or submit the following forms and documentation before the end of signup:

- FSA-840, computer-generated application;
- Production records;
- Marketing Contracts (optional);

- Other information as requested by the County FSA Committee or required by program procedures.

Application for Benefits (Continued)

Additionally, the following forms may need to be submitted if not already on file for the applicable crop year:

- CCC-526, Average AGI Certification;
- CCC-502, Farm Operating Plan;
- AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If a producer has crop insurance or NAP, but did not receive a payment because the production was greater than the coverage level, can CDP benefits be provided?

Yes, as long as the producer suffered at least a 35% loss and all other requirements are met.

2. How long does the Agency have to issue the payments?

Sixty days after all applicable forms have been submitted and other requirements are met. Interest will be provided for late payments.

3. Can a producer that does not have any crop insurance or NAP coverage apply for CDP benefits?

Yes, however the application will be disapproved in accordance with the Statute.

Contact your local FSA Office with any questions or to schedule an appointment to sign up for CDP.