



# FSA News

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## **CERTIFICATION DEADLINE**

The deadline to certify your corn, milo, soybeans, sunflowers, cotton and Conservation Reserve Program acreage is August 1, 2006. All participating farms must have a complete acreage report covering all crops and land uses filed in order to receive final 2006 program payments. You must have an acreage report on file before you can receive a loan deficiency payment as well. Currently, loan deficiency payments are in effect for milo and corn. You must file a 633EZ page one, which is your intention to receive an LDP payment, before you lose beneficial interest in the grain. Please call the office for an appointment to certify as soon as possible. These requirements are your responsibility and could have adverse financial effects on your farming operation if the deadlines are missed or the forms are not filed.

## **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

County Committee election will be held this year for Local Administrative Area number 1. This area is generally the northern and northwestern part of Sedgwick County and is currently represented by Duane Carmichael.

The Department of Agriculture encourages producers to "Make a Difference" by filing nominations and voting. From now through August 1, 2006, USDA is accepting nominations for eligible candidates to run for election on your local Farm Service Agency County Committee. FSA committees give local producers a voice in how Agency programs are administered in a county. County Committee play an important role by making decisions on price support loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs, and other important agricultural issues.

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and of legal voting age may be a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves others. An informational meeting will be held at the office on July 18th at 8:00 a.m. for interested producers.

## **2006 FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP**

Although, sign-up was officially over on June 1, 2006, you can still late-file and pay a \$100 fee per farm and enroll in the program. You must contact the office for an appointment and get all required signatures back to the office by September 30, 2006.

In addition, all farms with ownership changes, deaths, etc., need to contact the office as soon as the change is known so that we can correct the contracts and obtain the necessary signatures. This must be done before September 30, 2006 as well.



## FARM STORED FACILITY LOANS

Just a reminder, that Farm Stored Facility Loans are available through the Farm Service Agency. If you or someone you know is interested in more information about the program, contact the office for further details.

## DIRECT PAYMENT CHANGE

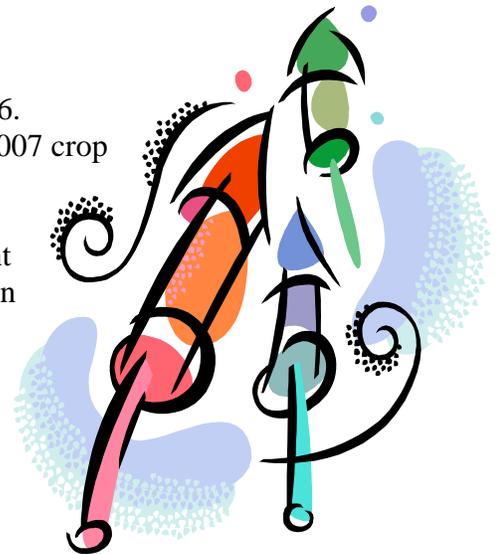
The 2007 program sign-up will be available to producers in October of 2006. Advance payments will not be available until December 1, 2006. For the 2007 crop year, producers will have the option to receive an advance payment of 22 percent of the total direct payment. This is a significant change in the advance payment rate, so be prepared. The total value of the direct payment does not change. Producers will receive the balance of the direct payment in the second installment.

## 2006 LOAN RATES

The Sedgwick County Loan Rates for commodities have been announced.

Wheat -----	\$2.96 per bushel
Corn -----	\$2.05 per bushel
Grain Sorghum -----	\$3.47 per cwt.
Soybeans -----	\$5.10 per bushel.

If you are interested in a loan, please contact the office once the crop has been harvested. Loans are available on warehouse or farm stored grain.



We will be closed on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** for Labor Day.  
We will be closed on **October 9<sup>th</sup>** for Columbus Day.