

SEPTEMBER 2006

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Office Hours

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

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@ 9:00 a.m.

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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.

CRP and DCP Reminders-Important!

Our office has 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, like Johnson Grass, Sericea Lespedeza and different types of thistles. Participants are paid an annual maintenance fee of \$4.00 to \$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.

Also, all producers who are enrolled in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) are reminded that acreages under contract (total of base acreage on the farm) must be maintained for the crop year. Random checks will be completed to determine whether producers are controlling (1) wind and water erosion; and (2) noxious weeds. Please contact our office for more information on these topics.

Commodity Loan Rates

Commodity	Price
Wheat	\$2.83/bu
Corn	\$2.13/bu
Soybeans	\$4.95/bu
Grain Sorghum	\$3.47/cwt

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 29 Final Date to Late File 2006 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Contract

October Final Payments under the DCP program will be paid

Oct. 9 Columbus Day- Office Closed

Ongoing: Report all record changes to the office as soon as possible. This protects you from becoming out of compliance with your benefits.

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 the Sumner County FSA Service Center for more information on NAIS.

Reminders when visiting Sumner County FSA

- **Be sure to call the office to make an appointment for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Signup. We honor all producers, but we will serve appointments first.**
- After October 1, producers can call and make appointments to sign up for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program. As a reminder, for 2007, your advance direct payment will only be 22% of the total instead of the past 50% and 40% in previous program years. The balance of the payment will be paid in October 2007.
- **Special accommodations can be made for producers with a handicap, vision impairment, or hearing impairment, by contacting Lance Thompson, CED, at (620) 326-2269.**
- Foreign Investors must report holdings of agricultural land in the U.S. within 90 days from purchase date to avoid assessment of penalties. Foreign investors in Sumner County should contact the county office to complete the appropriate filings.
- **FSA can make loans to youths living in rural Kansas who want to establish and operate income producing projects. The project must be planned and operated with the help of a 4-H or FFA advisor and be able to produce enough income to repay a loan. Benefits are to provide the youth with practical business and education experiences. The maximum loan available is \$5,000. Contact the office for more information.**

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