



WABAUNSEE COUNTY

FARM SERVICE AGENCY



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DCP SIGNUP AND CERTIFICATION

Sign-up is underway for the 2006 program year. Advance direct payments of 50% can be requested any month through September 2006. The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested, but keep in mind that you may have to pay them back.

Any changes that could affect the farming operation, such as land ownership changes, operator changes, establishing estates or other changes, need to be reported now so changes can be made prior to enrolling the farm in the DCP.

Producers are encouraged to certify their fall seeded crops during the same office visit. Please call the office for an appointment.

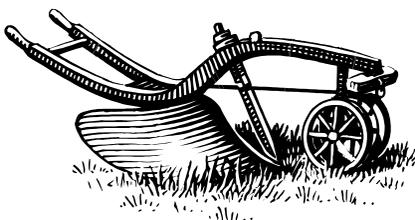
In addition farm operators having level 2 accesses may enroll their farm thru the web at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm and log in with your eAuthentication account information. Operators enrolling through the web will still need to obtain land owner signatures, even to verify "0" share for cash rented farms and be responsible for getting all needed signatures to the County Office before the farm can be approved for payment. If you do not already have level 2 access, you may obtain it by completing the online registration form located at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov>, then you will have to visit a county office to confirm your identity and present your driver's license.

RECONSTITUTIONS

To be effective for 2006, farm combinations and divisions must be requested by August 1, 2006. A request for a reconstitution after 2006 DCP payments have been issued will be processed for 2007 unless all payments received are refunded.

WOOL AND MOHAIR DEADLINE

January 31, 2006, is the final day to request 2005 nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) for wool and mohair producers. Producers, make sure to sign a 633EZ before sheering or losing beneficial interest. Contact the FSA office for additional information.



FOREIGN INVESTORS

Foreign investors acquiring or transferring any interest in agricultural land exceeding 10 acres are required to report the transaction to the Farm Service Agency within 90 days. An interest of 10 acres or less does not require a report unless annual sales proceeds exceed \$1,000. Failure to disclose this interest can result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the land's market value.

LDP FORMS

A CCC-633EZ form must be filed for 2006 crops. You must file page 1 prior to losing beneficial interest. Page 2 would be filed the day you wish to lock in the LDP rate. -or- File page 2 after selling the grain. The LDP rate would be the rate the day the grain was sold.

Make certain the person or entity on the ledger sheet matches the person who is receiving payment. Do not pay wages with grain or give grain to another entity until after the LDP has been collected.

The 633EZ form can be obtained on line at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainservlet>

The form can be completed in person, mailed, faxed, or electronically on e-Forms. For more information contact the FSA office.

CCC COMMODITY LOANS AND LDPS

The **2005 crop loan rates for Wabaunsee County are:**

Wheat	\$2.78	Grain Sorghum	\$3.28 cwt.
Corn	1.99	Soybeans	\$4.93
Oats	1.38	Barley	\$1.74
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The final date to request a 2005 wheat, barley, or oats loan or file LDP is March 31, 2006. For sorghum, corn, soybean, or sunflower loan or LDP the final date is May 31, 2006.

Producers should be thinking **now** about having the appropriate form in place for the anticipated LDP season.

Commodity Loan Lock-In Rate – Once a CCC commodity loan is issued, producers have the option to "lock-in" the daily PCP as the amount for repayment. This lock-in rate is effective through the earlier of 60 days from the date of filing and approval of the rate –OR- 14 calendar days before the commodity loan maturity date. A producer may repay the loan any time during the 60 days at the lock-in rate. At the end of 60 days or 14 days prior to loan maturity the producer may repay the loan at the current PCP. A producer has a *one-time* opportunity to "lock-in" a rate for 60 days. Only one initial 60 day lock-in rate is allowed.

COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

The newly elected committee person is Robert D. Kraus of Eskridge. Robert will serve the southeastern portion of the county. A big thank you to Robert Converse for the nine years served on the FSA committee.

GRAZE-OUT for SMALL GRAINS

The Graze-Out program is for eligible producers who elect to use their wheat, barley, oats, or triticale acreage for grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the applicable crop year.

The application period for Graze-Out begins on a County Committee determined date. To establish the LDP rate for the grazed out crop, Form CCC-633 must be filed before March 31 of the calendar year following the year the crop is normally harvested. The Graze-Out benefit is the LDP rate the day the Graze-Out application is filed.

NAP INFORMATION

March 15, 2006, is the final application date for 2006 sorghum for forage and other spring planted forage crops.

CHANGE OF LAND OWNERSHIP

Any changes that could affect the farming operation, such as land ownership changes, operator changes, establishing estates/trusts or other changes, need to be reported now so changes can be made prior to enrolling the farm in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) later this fall. For farm ownership changes, you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility if you are participating.

CRP ACREAGE

Prohibited use of CRP acreage includes: asphalt/concrete plant, trash disposal area, parking, or storage of machinery; autos, livestock feed storage; permanent roads/trails, trees not in the conservation plan, mowing of strips for hunting, buildings, or houses.

Noxious weeds are to be controlled on CRP acreage. With the recent moisture, noxious thistle could become a problem. Fall chemical control is an excellent source of weed repression.

Failure to maintain your CRP acreage can cause penalties to be assessed or possible contract termination.

EMERGENCY LOANS AVAILABLE

Farmers in Wabaunsee County who suffered crop or livestock losses due to severe storms, hail, wind, rain, and flooding occurring June 3-16, 2005, may now apply for a Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan. Applications for assistance will be accepted by FSA until April 25, 2006.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact Jane M Armitage at the Lyon County FSA office located at 2501 W 18th Ave in Emporia, KS, or you may call her at 620-343-6944.



January 16, 2006 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 20, 2006 – Presidents' Day

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