



January 2007

# WHITMAN COUNTY FSA NEWS

## 2007 DCP Signup

**We are now accepting appointments!**

We apologize for the inconvenience related to the review process underway mandated by The Improper Payments Act (IPIA) of 2002. FSA is still making it top priority to complete the review of producer eligibility documentation, however, the agency's position has moderated somewhat. We will now begin taking appointments for the 2007 DCP signup from any producer wishing to enroll. However, please be patient with us as your appointment times will run a little longer than you are normally used to. We will be conducting a review of your eligibility documentation while we do your 2007 DCP signup.

The forms we will be reviewing with you include your CCC-502 payment limitation form, AD-1026 Highly Erodible and Wetland certification, and your CCC-526 Adjusted Gross Income certification. It is crucial that we ensure that these forms are not only accurate but have been filed and signed correctly. We appreciate your patience as we conduct the review. Completion of the review is crucial to credibility of the farm programs and will help strengthen the agency and programs as we head into the debate of the 2007 farm bill. The 2007 DCP signup marks the final DCP signup under the 2002 Act.

Please keep in mind the amount paid under advance Direct payments is less this year. The Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005, which was signed into law last February, lowered advance Direct payments to only 22% for 2007. While the remaining 78% will be paid in October 2007, advances will be less than half of what you normally received in prior years.

**Due to this continued high volume of activity we would still request that you call for an appointment prior to coming to the county office for commodity loan activity, Continuous CRP signup requests, CRP cost share requests, or any other program activity that will require devotion of significant staffing time.**

## 2007 Crop Loan Rates Announced

FSA has announced county loan rates for 2007 crop wheat, barley, oats and oilseeds. Beginning in 2002, county loan rates for wheat were announced by class. FSA has continued this policy. Corn and Pulse crop loan rates have not yet been announced but are expected in early 2007. The following are the 2007 crop loan rates for Whitman County:

Commodity	2007 Rate	Change from 2006
Soft White Wheat	\$2.79 per bu.	-\$0.11
Hard Red Spring Wheat*	\$3.07 per bu.	-\$0.08
Hard Red Winter Wheat**	\$3.24 per bu.	+\$0.06
Durum Wheat	\$3.27 per bu.	-\$0.26
Barley	\$2.11 per bu. (\$88/ton)	+\$0.04
Oats	\$1.30 per bu.	+\$0.02
Mustard	\$8.59 per cwt.	+\$0.13
Safflower	\$8.52 per cwt.	+\$0.06
Canola	\$7.30 per cwt.	-\$0.02
Flaxseed	\$8.76 per cwt.	-\$0.23
Rapeseed	\$9.23 per cwt.	no change

\* Also applies to Hard White Spring

\*\*Also applies to Hard White Winter

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 adjusts loan rates and Counter-Cyclical payment target prices for crop years 2004 – 2007. The national average loan rate for wheat goes down \$0.05 from \$2.80 to \$2.75 for crop years 2004-07. The Counter-Cyclical Target price goes up \$0.06 from \$3.86 to \$3.92. 2007 crop loans cannot be taken until the crop is harvested and put into storage. FSA is making an effort to release loan rates as early as possible to assist producers in making spring planting decisions.

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### County Committee

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### Office Staff

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### Farm Loan Manager

Steve King  
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### Important Dates

January 15 – Martin Luther King Day, Office Closed

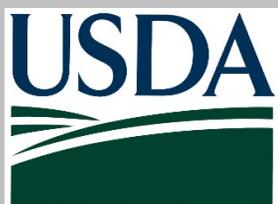
February 19 – Presidents' Day, Office Closed

### Get Your Payments Timely & Accurately

Changes in your Bank Account or has your Bank merged or changed names?

Don't Forget – Update your Direct Deposit Form.

USDA Avg Price Received by Farmer's for 2006 Wheat: **\$4.30**



### 2006 Earning Statement

Form CCC-1099G, Report of Producer Payments, will be mailed around January 31 to all FSA program participants who received payment in 2006. These reports are mailed from FSA's Kansas City Office, please watch your mail for your report. If you do not receive it, or it does not match your records, contact our office immediately so that corrective action can be taken. It is important that the 1099G be accurate, since the data is reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

### Moving Farm-Stored Loan Collateral

Permission must be obtained prior to moving farm-stored loan collateral. A CCC-681-1, Marketing Authorization, must be requested releasing the collateral for marketing. Don't confuse your warehouse calling our office requesting a loan payoff with a request for an authorization. It is the producer's responsibility to request an authorization. Requests can be made by phone and can also be made on the first business day when movement is initiated over a weekend. Farm-stored loans may also be moved to a warehouse and converted to a warehouse-stored loan. Producers must request permission prior to movement by initiating a CCC-681, transfer authorization. Movement of farm-stored loan collateral without authorization is a violation subject to County Committee administrative action.

### Lease Arrangements and Eligibility to Receive DCP Payments

Each eligible producer on a farm shall have the opportunity to annually enroll in a DCP contract. The type of farm lease and the terms of the lease will define the appropriate sharing of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments. In a situation where the landowner cash leases the entire farm to the lessee, only the lessee would be eligible for payment. The landowner would not be eligible because the base acres are cash leased and the landowner has no risk in the crop. In a share lease arrangement both the lessor and lessee are eligible if all other requirements are met. However, neither the lessor nor the lessee is permitted to receive 100 percent of the DCP payment. Lessors are prohibited from denying lessees the opportunity to participate in DCP. The deadline for 2007 DCP signup is June 1, 2007. Contact the County Office for an appointment if you have not already signed up.

### Foreign Investors 90 Day Reporting Rule

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land are required by law to report your land holdings, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more, and land use changes within 90 days of these transactions. Report these changes to the local FSA office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of your interest in agricultural land.

### Conservation Compliance

All participants in USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs are required to be actively applying a conservation system in place on all highly erodible land (HEL) they operate. Several areas where problems may arise in complying with a conservation system are: renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops and changing or removing existing conservation practices. It is important that you contact the FSA office BEFORE taking any of these actions and file a new AD-1026 Highly Erodible and Wetland certification. Also, it is very important that you contact the county office before modifying, tilling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling any wetland or drainage ditch. **Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations may result in loss of all USDA payments and eligibility.**

**Whitman County 2006 Crop Loan Rates**  
**Loans disbursed in January 2007 will mature October 31, 2007.**  
**January CCC Interest Rate 6.0%**

SWW: \$2.90 per bu	BLY: \$2.07 per bu (\$86 per ton)	DPEAS: \$6.63 per cwt
HRS & HWS: \$3.15 per bu	Oats: \$1.28 per bu	LENTILS: \$12.76 per cwt
HRW & HWW: \$3.18 per bu	Canola: \$7.32 per cwt.	S. Chickpeas \$7.43/cwt.

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