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Wilson County FSA News

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2nd Wednesday of the
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Election Update

The Wilson County Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 will be holding elections for the County Committee position. This covers the western half of the county. The nominees for this area are: **Mary Sue Carlson, Greg Carter.**

Ballots will be mailed to eligible producers in LAA #2 by November 3, 2006. **Ballots must be signed on the back of the envelope and returned by December 4, 2006.**



CCC-633-EZ Reminder

Producers, remember we've switched to the CCC-633-EZ form. Be sure you have page 1 of the EZ form on file before you lose beneficial interest.

Depending upon the crop, page 2, 3 or 4 is used to request payment. This can be done any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

For the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDPs.

Direct Deposit (or EFT)

Farm operators and owners are reminded to inform the FSA office immediately about changes in bank accounts, etc., that will affect the direct deposit (electronic funds transfer) of farm program payments.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, milo, soybeans and corn.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement.

The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower.

A minimum down payment is also required. For details, contact the county office.

CRP Reminders

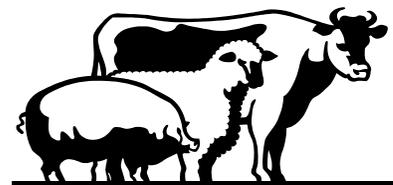
Compliance reviews are being completed on REX CRP acreages. Common findings found during the reviews were the presence of invasive trees and undesirable weeds (Sericea Lespedeza). In the last few years we have seen Sericea Lespedeza, a noxious weed in CRP fields. It is a very woody bushy plant that is extremely hardy. Spray the infected areas in the spring with Remedy, and/or a fall application of Escort is necessary to control it.

Participants are paid an annual maintenance fee of \$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.

Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the staff at your local Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

For farm ownership changes **you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract.** All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm program.



Premises ID

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 your local FSA service center for more information.

Foreign Investors

Foreign Investors who buy, sell, or hold a direct interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings to the FSA office in the county where the land is located. Those buying or selling must report the transaction within 90 days of the transaction.

2006 Loans and LDP's

The following are adjusted county loan rates applicable to commodity loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) for 2006-crops in Wilson County:

	Wilson
Wheat (bu)	\$2.77
Oats (bu)	\$1.34
Corn (bu)	\$2.07
Milo (cwt)	\$3.40
Soybeans (bu)	\$4.98
Sunflowers(cwt)	\$8.81

Loans are available for farm-stored or warehouse-stored 2006 crops. Crop loans offer low interest rates and can be repaid at any time, without penalty, during the 9-month period. Loans can also be repaid at the Posted County Price (PCP). When repaid at a PCP lower than the loan rate, interest is saved and a marketing gain is earned. Producers have the option to "lock-in" a certain PCP for a repayment rate. The locked-in rate will be in effect for 60 days, except that it will always expire 14 days before loan maturity.

DCP Items 

June 1 was the deadline to enroll and obtain all required signatures for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) program. After June 1, 2006, a \$100 late filing fee must be paid per farm.

Producers are reminded any ownership or operator changes, share changes, etc., that affect the 2006 DCP contract should be reported to the FSA immediately. If changes occur and the 2006 DCP contract is not revised and signed by September 30, all producers on the farm are ineligible for payments.

One requirement of the DCP program is to control weeds (noxious and non-noxious) and soil erosion on base acreage. Weeds should be prevented from producing viable seed by tillage, mowing, or spraying. Weed and erosion problems usually occur on land left idle (fallow). FSA conducts field inspections to monitor this provision.

Barley was the only small grain crop base that earned counter-cyclical payments for 2005.



Oil and Gas Leases

Jim Dark, Farm Loan Manager

If you have a loan with Farm Loan Programs and they have a mortgage on your real estate, you must notify the local office if/when you are contacted regarding placing an oil/gas lease on real estate.

A lease should not be signed until Farm Loans has been notified and you have completed and returned Form 465-1, "Application for Partial Release, Subordination, or Consent."

Farm Service Agency needs to complete an environmental assessment before any ground is disturbed in connection with a lease. The quicker you notify the office, the quicker the review can be completed.

A change in regulations has allowed for proceeds from the lease or royalties to be used as a regular installment on your debt instead of only an extra payment on the back side of your loan.

NAP Non-Insured Assistance Program Reminders

September 1, 2006, is the first deadline to obtain 2007 NAP coverage. NAP coverage can help offset severe crop losses for non-insurable crops due to adverse weather or related conditions. Locally, most NAP coverage has been for native grass pastures, alfalfa, sweet sorghum and sudan. The cost is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per county or \$900 for multi county interests. Producers with NAP coverage are reminded that good record keeping is required for acceptable production evidence.

Also, producers must report any cause of loss within 15 days from each disaster occurrence, an before harvest or disposition of the crop.

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