



# WILSON / WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

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## Wilson/Woodson County

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[www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov)  
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### FSA OFFICE CLOSED

May 25 – Memorial Day  
July 3 – Independence Day  
Sept. 7 – Labor Day

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 31** – Last Day to Request  
Crop Loans for 2008 soybeans,  
grain sorghum, corn and  
sunflowers

**June 1** – Last Day to Report  
Wheat, Oats, Barley

**April 27** – ACRE Enrollment  
Begins

**May 18** – Last Day to Purchase  
Buy-In for 2008

**August 14** – Last Day to Provide  
Signatures for DCP

**September 30** – Last Day to  
Provide Signatures for  
Payment Eligibility Forms

## DCP SIGNUP CONTINUES

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical program continues until August 14, 2009. The August 14 deadline is mandatory for all participants. **All signatures must be received in the county office by August 14. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.**

## REPORT OF ACREAGE

To remain eligible for all program payments 2009 wheat, oats and barley **must be certified by June 1, 2009.** If not certified by this date a \$46 late file fee will be assessed per farm. Please contact our office as soon as possible to report these acres.

## FINAL LOAN AVAILABILITY DATE

**The last day to request 2008 crop year loans on corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and sunflowers is May 31, 2009.** You must maintain beneficial interest in the commodity at the time of the loan in order to be eligible. If you have additional questions please contact our office.

## CRP MAINTENANCE

CRP participants are required to maintain CRP acres. Over the past several years reviews have been completed and it is apparent some CRP fields are not being properly maintained. Failure to completing the required maintenance measures will cause non-compliance and monetary penalties to be assessed. Trees/shrubs must be controlled on all CRP acres that were not devoted to tree planting practices at the time of enrollment. If you were not required to plant trees, you must control trees/shrubs. Cutting, spraying and burning are methods which may be used to control trees/shrubs. However, please check with FSA before burning to make sure it will not impact other CRP issues. Non-control of noxious weeds such as musk thistle, Johnson grass and Sericea lespedeza as well as weed infestations of non-noxious varieties is a violation. Other examples of violations are: permanent roads or trails, trash and brush disposal areas, parking or storage of junked machinery, autos, livestock hay or feed storage, buildings, houses or mowing for cosmetic purposes. CRP participants shall report maintenance activity taken on CRP acres and other activities which will impact the acreage, including construction of well sites and access roads. **Always refer to you Plan of Operations to determine what practices are required to be completed and when the practice is scheduled.**

## FARM LOAN PROGRAM BORROWERS

If you are going to an outlying office to have checks released (such as ours) be sure to bring a copy of your settlement sheet(s) with you. This will assist us in making the releases and reduce the amount of time required.

**IMPORTANT** – If you have not provided all of your financial information including a current balance sheet, 2009 cash flow projections and copy of your 2008 income taxes (1040 with Schedule F) to Farm Loan Programs, we will not be able to complete the releases until that information has been received by them. You can leave that information here at this office or mail it to Farm Loan Programs @ 410 Peter Pan Road, Independence, KS 67301.

## ACRE Enrollment Begins April 27

Producers have until August 14, 2009 to make their decision for the 2009 crop year. USDA will not accept late filed applications. Producers who elect the ACRE program agree to forgo counter-cyclical payments, accept a 20% reduction of direct payments and accept a 30% reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm. Producers must complete form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012 and must be completed each year. All producers on a farm must agree to the ACRE program election. Election and enrollment for ACRE is on a farm by farm basis. Producers must annually report acreage and production to FSA. Failure to do so may result ineligibility. ACRE payments are revenue-based payments and are tied to crop production and the National Average Market Price for planted and considered planted, for covered commodities. ACRE payment acreage is limited to the total amount of base acres on the farm, and can only be issued for a crop if two triggers are met for the covered crops. The State Trigger is the participating farms Actual Farm Revenue for the program year must be less than the Farm ACRE guarantee.

You can also visit our website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) for additional information or visit the website [www.AgManager.info](http://www.AgManager.info) and use the ACRE calculator to figure out if this program would be feasible for your operation. If you have additional questions please contact this office.



### **PAYMENT ELIGIBILITY**

For 2009 all new forms need to be signed for eligibility (CCC-902 Farm operating Plan, etc.) and CCC-926 (Adjusted Gross Income). **The forms must be returned by September 30, 2009 to be eligible for program payments.**

### **FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS**

FSA offers 7-year, low interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities. Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase, delivery or construction and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000. There is a \$45 application fee. Contact our office for updated information.

### **2008 BUY-IN FEE**

**May 18 is the final date to pay** Buy-In fees for 2008 crops to be eligible for disaster programs. Producers must have NAP coverage on all noninsurable crops to be eligible for Supplemental Disaster Assistance programs. Disaster program signup as not been announced at this time.

### **CONTINUOUS CRP AVAILABLE**

Continuous CRP practices include riparian forest buffers, filter strips, grass waterways and wildlife habitat buffers, which provide important environmental benefits, such as promoting water quality, reducing soil erosion, and enhancing wildlife habitat. FSA accepts continuous CRP signup offers automatically, provided landowner and cropping eligibility requirements are met. Continuous CRP signup contracts are 10-15 years.

Cropping history needed for CRP is 4 of 6 years, 1996-2001. Land must be owned 1 year prior to making the CRP offer.

Practice incentive payments (PIP) pay an additional 40% for practices CP33 and CP38E.

Signup Incentive payments (SIP) pay \$10 per acre per years enrolled in CRP or \$100 per acre for signing up for a 10 year contract.

CP33 practice is a border around a field or where water enters or exits a field. The native grass borders average 30 to 120 feet wide.

CP38E borders average 30 to 200 feet wide designed to be areas of edge for wildlife. If the field is 5 acres or less you can enroll the whole field.

### **PREVENTED PLANTING**

Prevented planting must be filed within 15 days of the ending planting date for the crop that was prevented from being planted due to disaster conditions.

### **KANSAS AGRIABILITY ACT**

Do you need special accommodations on your farm or ranch because of an injury, illness or disability? Contact the Kansas AgrAbility Project for an assessment of your worksite. Their goal is to inform, educate, and assist farmers, farm families, and farm workers who have disabilities, so they can continue to work and thrive in their agricultural career. Contact them at 1-800-KAN DO IT (1-800-526-3648).



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