Agricultural Producers Have Until April 15 to Enroll in USDA's Key Commodity Safety Net Programs for the 2025 Crop Year

Kansas Enrollment Currently At 70% of Expected

MANHATTAN - Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2025 crop year have until April 15, to revise elections and sign contracts. Both safety net programs, delivered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provide vital income support to eligible farmers who experience substantial declines in crop prices or revenues for the 2025 crop year. In Kansas, producers have completed 72,222 contracts to date, representing 70% of the more than 104,500 expected contracts.

"Agriculture Risk Coverage or Price Loss Coverage programs provide excellent risk protection, for market declines, at no cost to the producer," said Joshua Ridder, deputy state executive director for FSA in Kansas. "If you haven't made your program election or signed a contract, please contact your local FSA county office as soon as possible to set an appointment so you don't miss the April 15 deadline."

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual, which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2025 are optional, producers must enroll, with a signed contract, each year. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm, the contract will continue for 2025 unless an election change is made.

If producers do not submit their election revision by the April 15, 2025, deadline, the election remains the same as their 2024 election for eligible commodities on the farm. Also, producers who do not complete enrollment and sign their contract by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2025 year and will not receive a payment if one is triggered. Farm owners can only enroll in these programs if they have a share interest in the commodity.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Web-Based Decision Tools

Many universities, including Kansas State University's AgManager.info, offer web-based decision tools to help producers make informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Producers are encouraged to use the tool of their choice to support their ARC and PLC elections.

Crop Insurance Considerations

Producers are reminded that enrolling in ARC or PLC programs can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products offered by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who elect and enroll in PLC also have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider, but producers of covered commodities who elect ARC are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres.

Unlike SCO, RMA's Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by participating in ARC for the same crop, on the same acres. Producers may elect ECO regardless of their farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan, or STAX, on their planted cotton acres.

Optimizing FSA Office Visits

Agricultural producers visiting FSA to complete ARC/PLC elections and enrollment are encouraged to also conduct other FSA program business during their scheduled appointment including completing farm loan applications and applying for the recently announced Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP).

Sign up for ECAP began on March 19, 2025. ECAP, authorized by the American Relief Act, 2025, provides up to $10 billion to agricultural producers for the 2024 crop year. Administered by FSA, ECAP will help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices. Congress gave USDA 90 days to implement the program, and that deadline was met. Producers of eligible commodities must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office by Aug. 15. Only one application is required for all ECAP eligible commodities nationwide. ECAP applications can be submitted to FSA in-person, electronically using Box and One-Span, by fax or by applying online at fsa.usda.gov/ecap utilizing a secure login.gov account. For more information, please visit the ECAP website or review the ECAP Fact Sheet.

More details are forthcoming on more than $20 billion to be made available through the American Relief Act, 2025, for producers who suffered losses from natural disasters in 2023 and 2024 including $2 billion set aside for livestock producers and other funds that will be administered through block grants with states.

To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and view other farm records data and customer information by logging into their farmers.gov account. If you don't have an account, sign up today.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

April Is Distracted Driving Awareness Month: *Keep Your Eyes On The Road*

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Kansas Department of Transportation reminds drivers to stay focused, ditch the distractions and just drive.



Distractions come in many forms. Visual distractions take the driver's eyes off the road, cognitive distractions take the driver's mind off driving and manual distractions take the driver's hands off the wheel.

Distracted driving can be dangerous. Preliminary 2024 Kansas data shows that 70 people were killed and more than 350 people were injured in crashes involving distracted driving.

"Distractions affect your ability to focus on driving," said KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager Gary Herman. "Activities such as such as eating, applying makeup, reaching for objects, looking at scenery, daydreaming and quite often, texting, take your attention off the road and put the lives of other motorists, your passengers and you at risk for injury or death."

Drivers are encouraged to develop safe driving habits and always:

- Put the phone away and out of reach
- Activate the phone's "Do Not Disturb" feature
- Have passengers handle navigation, texting or phone calls
- Pull over to a safe location off of the roadway to make a call, adjust the radio or do other things that take your hands off the wheel and your eyes off the road

Don't text or call someone you know is driving, it can wait

Passengers are encouraged to speak up if the driver is not paying attention and to avoid riding with that driver in the future. It's important everyone takes charge of their safety whenever possible, Herman said.

Salt Creek Farm Expands To New Location

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Customers will find a wide range of products available for purchase at the new location, which is set to feature:

Food Products: •Beef, lamb, pork, and chicken; •Seasonal produce; •Jerky, beef sticks, and summer sausage; •Take-and-bake meals; •Fresh breads; •Non-perishable items (pasta, rice, nut butters, seasonings, etc.)

Garden Center: •Perennials (available now) •Herbs, vegetable plants, and annuals (available now); •Easter lilies, Memorial Day planters, fall plants, and poinsettias.

Salt Creek Farm plans to have more products arriving throughout the month of April and will host a grand opening on Saturday, May 3.

While more than 85% of their revenue currently comes from outside Greenwood County, they are excited to bring their operations back to Eureka and centralize their business here. By doing so, they aim to create more jobs, expand access to quality food, and continue their tradition of providing premium garden plants.

Looking to the future, the goals for the business include: Increasing the number of restaurants served; Expanding retail partnerships and increasing the number of retailers carrying Salt Creek Farm products; Growing the value-added product production in the new kitchen; and Filling out the Salt Creek Market & Garden with even more high-quality food products and plants.

Salt Creek Farm also plans to continue fostering partnerships with local farmers and producers to ensure their customers have access to the best and most sustainable food available.

The new commercial kitchen will play a pivotal role in Salt Creek Farm's plans to offer more take-and-bake meals and other prepared food items. The kitchen should be complete by mid-April, with fresh bread and other meals available for purchase later that month.

Salt Creek Farm is located at 609 E. River St., (formerly Eureka Garden and Floral), in Eureka. For more information call 316-323-7762 or visit their store during their business hours: Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Severy City Council Approved Road Grader Purchase During Special Meeting

The Severy City Council convened in a special meeting on Monday, March 24 to discuss the potential purchase of a road grader.

The purpose of the special meeting was for the consideration of acquiring a 1996 Caterpillar 135H Road Grader with 6,568 hours from Foley Equipment in St. Joe, Mo.

During the meeting, it was noted that the grader has undergone $7,700 in recent repairs. These include the installation of an operator's manual, resealing of the lift cylinder, a full 500-hour service, and hydraulic maintenance. The council expressed interest in this particular model due to its age, low usage, articulating feature, and the absence of modern electronics and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF), all of which are seen as advantageous for the City's needs.

Councilman Lyle Riggs has requested oil samples from the seller for further inspection. At present, the city doesn't have a reliable road grader. In August 2023, the city spent $10,087.20 to rent a grader for one month to repair Kansas Avenue.

To proceed, the Council would need to sign a sales agreement to transport the grader to Wichita for an in-person inspection. The agreement will be marked as pending customer inspection/approval, signaling the City's intent to purchase but not completing the final transaction.

The council voted, 4-0, to proceed with the sales agreement, pending customer inspection.

Councilman Kevin Klepper was absent from the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting for the City of Severy is Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m.

Eureka Days Slated For June 6-7

The annual Eureka Days event is slated for the first weekend of June, with events expected for Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7.

Although events/volunteers are still being sought, organizer Steve Brown shared that the annual car show, parade and park events are planned with vendors and food being available throughout the event.

Those wishing to volunteer or sign up for the annual event should contact Brown at 620-750-9090.

WANTED: ERC Board Member

The Eureka Recreation Commission will have an open position, representing Eureka USD 389, beginning May 15 and is seeking letters of interest to fill the position. Those interested are asked to e-mail ERC Director Derek Larcom at dlarcom@eurekausd389.net. Letters should be submitted by Wednesday, April 9, by 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES
"Because The People Must Know"

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Application for order to permit INJ of salt water into the M Dickerson B "7" located in Butler County, Kansas. TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral interest owners, Landowners and all Persons whomsoever concerned. You and each of you are hereby notified that C&G Drilling Inc. has filed an application to commence the Disposal of Salt water into the Bartlesville at M Dickerson B "7" located NE/4. Sec16-Twp26-R8E Butler County and Greenwood County, Kansas with a maximum operation of 750 PSI and a maximum injection rate of 2000 BBLS per day, per well. Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the conservation division of the state corporation commission of the state of Kansas within (30) days from the date of this publication.
These protests shall be filed pursuant to commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights to pollute the natural resources of the state of Kansas. If no protest is received this application may be granted through summary proceeding. If valid protest is received this matter will be set for a hearing.
All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.
C&G Drilling Inc.
701 E. River
Eureka, KS 67045

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ORDINANCE NO. 4338

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EUREKA AS INCOPORATED BY ORDINANCE NOS. 3908 AND 3909.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF EUREKA, KANSAS:

Section 1: The zoning map for the City of Eureka attached to and made a part of the zoning ordinance for said City as incorporated by Ordinance Nos. 3908 and 3909 is amended as follows:

The following described property to wit:

Stickels 1st Addition, Block 5, NW/4 Section 03, Township 26, Range 10 E. to the City of Eureka, Greenwood County Kansas, otherwise known as 420 N. Pine, changing from "C-2" General Commercial District to "R-1" Single – Family Dwelling.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its publication once in the official city newspaper. Passed by the City Council of the City of Eureka, Kansas, this 24th day of March, 2025.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR
Stephen Coulter, Mayor

ATTEST:
Renee Burk, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACKNOWLEDGING PLAT OF SAUDER-BARNARD DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-35

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Greenwood County acknowledges that the plat of the Sauder-Barnard Subdivision was accepted as well as the public dedication on the 27th day of November, 1978. That the maintenance of ClubView Drive, ClubView Court and Wildcat Lane, in the N1/2, NE1/4 Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 11 East, all in Greenwood County Kansas, are assigned to the Madison Township for maintenance. That only when Wildcat Court has been constructed to acceptable specification of the County Commission shall the same be assigned to the Madison Township for maintenance as it is currently native grass and not utilized as a public roadway.
BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD COUNTY, KANSAS: That ADOPTED AND APPROVED, at this regular meeting of 17th day of March, 2025.
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GREENWOOD COUNTY, KANSAS
s/Mac Obourn, Chairman
s/Roy Ballard, Member
s/Preston Evenson, Member
s/Ron Mast, Member
s/Judd Everitt, Member
s/Paul E. Dean, County Counselor

ATTEST:
s/Deann McCaffree, Clerk

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