

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency said, that changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan program have been implemented in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. The Farm Service Agency administers the program on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation.

"This program helps to ensure that producers have adequate capacity to store their harvested production until they sell it on the

open market," said Polansky. The program provides low-interest financing for producers of eligible commodities to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The maximum principal amount of a loan through the loan program is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with the credit corporation providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying

and handling equipment. Loan terms of seven, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which the credit corporation borrows from the Treasury Department. Seven year loans approved in August 2009 will have an interest rate of 3.125 percent. Each borrower on the loan must pay a \$100 application fee.

Loan proceeds are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount

Applications for the Farm Storage Facility Loan must be submitted to the Farm Service Agency county office that maintains the farm's records. A loan must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass

County fair sells 52 animals

Total animals sold 52 — 9 Sheep, Resale Value, \$611; Floor Bid Price, \$0.82
13 Beef, 27 Swine, 3 Goats
Sheep Sales — \$4,849.20 total sales

Average Weight, 119 Pounds; Average Price Per Lamb, \$539; Average Auction Price Per Pound, \$4.53; Price Range, \$4.25 - \$4.75; Average Premium Paid Over Resale Value, \$425; Floor Bid Price, \$0.95
Beef Sales — \$21,677.30 total sales

Average Weight, 1273 Pounds; Average Price Per Beef, \$1667; Average Auction Price Per Pound, \$1.30; Price Range, \$1.10-\$1.60; Average Premium Paid Over

Swine Sales — \$18,205.70 total sales

Average Weight, 234 Pounds; Average Price Per Swine, \$674; Average Auction Price Per Pound, \$2.88; Price Range, \$2.25-\$3.75; Average Premium Paid Over Resale Value, \$569; Floor Price, \$0.45

Goat Sales — \$742.60 total sales
Average Weight, 67 Pounds; Average Price Per Goat, \$247.50; Average Auction Price Per Pound, \$3.60; Price Range, \$2.80-\$4.75; Average Premium Paid Over Resale Value, \$167.50; Floor Price, \$1.10



Ribbon Winners from the Norton County Fair

Porkburgers again big hit at the fair

The 4-H Porkburger Special has been a tradition for many years, co-sponsored by the Norton County 4-H Council and Husky Hogs. This is a way that the 4-Hers and 4-H volunteers can provide a thank you to the business persons and businesses who have provided support for the 4-H club program throughout the year. The 4-Hers wanted to share the

good taste of Porkburgers with the public and add some funds to the 4-H Council to pay for expenses for trips and events for 4-Hers and their families at the same time. The 4-H Porkburger Special was held on Wednesday, July 28, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Elmwood Park. Around 400 meals and 640 total Porkburgers were sold. The

menu consisted of a porkburger, baked beans, chips and iced tea. Members of the Porkburger Committee are Sue Hillebrand, Monte and Tyler Montgomery, Dwight, Mary and Carissa Wentz, Anthony Bach Family, Deena Wentz, Christopher Maddy, Spencer Braun, Doug Gallentine Family, Mary Vanover and Diedre Kramer, Jamie Wentz, Michelle, Dylan and Dustyna Sprigg and Chris Harting Family.

The 4-H Clubs of Norton County wish to extend their thanks to the businesses and individuals for all of their support throughout the year and hope that they enjoyed the Porkburger Special.

Picnic, breakfast welcome school personnel

Norton hospitality was evident again on Tuesday evening when another large crowd was present at the 4-H Building to welcome all the teachers in Norton School District for the upcoming school year.

The annual event was sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Norton Lions Club and the Norton School District. Karla Reed, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce, said 244 people attended.

Joel Duscher, first vice-president of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, was the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Following the potluck meal, which featured fried chicken from Shop and Save, Greg Mann, super-

intendent, addressed the crowd. "It is a distinct advantage to live in a community such as Norton that supports our schools so strongly," Supt. Mann said.

"We had a wonderful summer preparing for this school term. I can tell you that we continue to attract very high quality people to our school system. We are especially pleased with the quality of our teachers and staff as people," he said.

Supt. Mann introduced the members of the board of education. Jeff Nielsen, Jennifer Boller, Chris Harting, Scott Ellis, Craig Renner, Robert Wyatt and April Karnopp are members this year.

Supt. Mann also introduced Norton's new teachers: Crys-

tal Montgomery, Wade Church, Steve Vance, Shelby Cade, Amye Jones, Robin Harms and Nicole Satran.

Each new teacher received a gift packet at the end of the picnic. The gifts were donated by Chamber members and were made up of various items.

On Thursday morning, First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women sponsored a breakfast for school staff. Lynn Nelson, president of the United Methodist Women's organization, said they have been sponsoring the event for over 20 years.

"It's to welcome the teachers and school staff back for the new year," she said.

Towel scrimmage set

The public is invited to attend the Towel Scrimmage for the Norton Community High School football team at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday at the practice field which is located at the corner of North Second and West Warsaw Streets.

"We would appreciate those who attend donating a regular size bath towel to help provide athletes with towels after showering," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin.

It will be the first scrimmage of the new season for the Blue Jay gridlers, who began practice on Monday.

Council

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• He also said the swimming pool has been closed for the summer.

• Mr. Lawson also reported on last weekend's storm that damaged trees in Norton. He said public works has been busy picking up

Wheat

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"It's obviously a concern, but we can't get involved," she said.

Representatives from Kyle Railroad were not available for comment.

trees, not branches. The council commended Dan Bainter, public works supervisor, for his department's hard work.

• Mr. Lawson also reported on the water tower painting. He said they will drain the tower in a week. He asked the council if they would like to paint a bluejay beak on the north and south sides of the tower. The council agreed to his proposal.

• Roberta Ryan reported on the chamber of Commerce meeting, saying "Smokin in the Barn" is scheduled for Aug. 28 and 29. This is the first annual barbecue and smoking challenge, and it will

be held in the Livestock Barn in Elmwood Park.

Mrs. Ryan said 22 teams have signed up for the event. They can begin smokin' at 7:00 p.m. on the 28 and eating will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 29th.

Mr. Lawson said a lot of people would be down there "smokin' stuff," including him.

The next finance committee meeting will be held Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m. The utility committee will follow. The next public safety meeting will be held Aug. 31 at 5:30 p.m. All committee meetings are held in the city building at 301 E. Washington Street.

Budget for City of Norton

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Norton County will meet on the 31st day of August, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

FUND	2008		2009		Proposed Budget 2010		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,463,475	10.672	1,906,993	15.082	1,503,815	874,538	22.455
Road & Bridge	1,421,419	11.982	965,049	11.536	897,535	189,926	4.877
Special Bridge	96,283	3.869	106,146	1.196	110,246	12,437	0.319
Solid Waste	201,780		204,415		176,835		
EMS-Ambulance	334,443	1.855	391,350	1.447	418,050	233,779	6.002
County Health	408,295	0.873	418,134	1.494	400,000	61,082	1.568
Noxious Weed	176,500	1.500	222,252	1.500	225,554	58,421	1.500
Election	57,633	1.505	38,350	0.735	60,462	41,211	1.058
Economic Development	165,170	1.266	120,505	2.765	111,000	94,751	2.433
Appraiser's Cost	148,547	2.395	142,795	3.253	126,275	111,340	2.859
4-H Maintenance	11,105	0.179	12,000	0.237	11,000	5,643	0.145
Fair	10,200	0.168	11,000	0.250	10,000	8,687	0.223
Soil Conservation	11,600	0.242	12,000	0.258	11,000	9,464	0.243
Airport	37,900	0.841	37,900	1.812	37,900	33,734	0.866
Mental Retardation	50,350	1.054	54,000	1.187	52,000	45,481	1.168
Mental Health	27,000	0.567	29,000	0.637	27,000	23,462	0.602
Hospital	92,425	2.000	94,471	2.000	91,281	77,894	2.000
Andbe Home Maintenance	18,446	0.400	19,286	0.400	18,119	15,579	0.400
Extension Council	75,600	1.645	75,600	1.603	11,124		
Historical Society	4,665	0.100	4,847	0.100	4,530	3,895	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	46,555	1.000	48,007	1.000	45,300	38,947	1.000
Employee Benefits	998,717	21.100	1,175,600	21.102	1,179,450	835,648	21.456
Bridge Bonds	289,052	6.171	115,500	2.621	151,100	65,140	1.673
EMS Building Bonds	0		0		25,872	26,266	0.674
EMS Building COP Debt	0		0		44,373	45,049	1.157
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Emergency	24,243		29,500		29,500		
Wireless E-911	5,300		24,653		31,062		
Special Alcohol Programs	10,200		15,778		15,578		
Special Parks & Recreation	5,500		7,373		7,373		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay	12,500		22,356		22,356		
Non-Budgeted Funds	651,932						
Totals	6,856,835	71.384	6,304,743	71.215	5,855,773	2,912,374	74.778
Less: Transfers	645,275		86,665		75,463		
Net Expenditure	6,211,560		6,218,078		5,780,310		
Total Tax Levied	2,912,122		2,912,374		2,912,374		
Assessed Valuation	40,796,333		40,895,909		38,947,012		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2007	2008	2009				
G.O. Bonds	1,070,000	815,000	550,000				
Lease Pur Price	45,492	139,077	94,702				
Total	1,115,492	954,077	644,702				

Other District Funds	2008		2009		Proposed Budget 2010		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,534	1.930	1,556	2.144	1,856	1,800	2.754
Clayton Cemetery	2,625	2.150	2,745	2.305	2,784	2,500	2.396
Oronoque Cemetery	1,197	1.184	1,225	1.178	1,225	1,112	1.265
Edmond Cemetery	1,910	0.427	1,931	0.366	1,925	1,846	0.427
Almena Cemetery	30,135	5.142	31,323	5.446	31,708	28,292	5.817
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	14,100	2.194	18,000	3.006	18,507	16,504	3.209
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	42,823	3.191	43,107	3.166	43,285	38,789	3.509
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,396	2.558	11,356	2.729	11,491	10,437	3.177
Almena Township	454	0.098	459	0.104	462	402	0.110
Harrison Township	804	1.079	803	1.184	803	786	1.304

Assessed Valuations	2007	2008	2009
Gettis Cemetery	777,351	699,717	653,666
Clayton Cemetery	1,162,791	1,084,599	1,043,569
Oronoque Cemetery	939,460	944,209	878,808
Edmond Cemetery	4,323,185	5,043,716	4,323,185
Almena Cemetery	5,502,205	5,191,499	4,864,085
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	5,819,330	5,489,566	5,142,981
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	12,156,102	12,251,894	11,053,284
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	4,080,391	3,824,341	3,284,761
Almena Township	4,102,540	3,858,561	3,668,375
Harrison Township	728,742	663,947	602,675

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Robert Wyatt
County Clerk

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The responsibility, while emphasizing social news, will also include, but not be limited to, photography and pagination of pages. Training will be provided



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