

FSA provides dairy assistance

Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in Kansas, announced the implementation of the new Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment program. The 2010 Agricultural Appropriations Bill authorized \$290 million for loss assistance payments to eligible dairy producers.

"Federal Regulations for this program were published on Dec. 21, 2009 and Farm Service Agency started issuing payments that same day," Polansky said.

"Through this program, eligible dairy producers will receive economic assistance that will help stabilize their operations during these tough economic times."

Milk prices declined substantially through early-to-mid-2009. On average, the price U.S. dairy producers received for milk mar-

keted in the summer of 2009 was about half of what it cost them to produce milk.

Dairy producers who have production records at the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency county office because they participated in another Farm Service Agency dairy program did not need to apply for the program. Farm Service Agency used existing production records for February through July 2009 to calculate and issue their payments.

Eligible producers will receive a one-time direct payment based on the amount of milk both produced and commercially marketed by their operation during the months of February through July 2009. Production information from these months will be used to estimate a full year's production for an operation to calculate

the payments, using a 6-million pound per dairy operation limit. The payment rate is \$00.3211641 per cwt.

Kansas Farm Service Agency has issued over \$2 million in Dairy Economic Loss Assistance payments to 425 dairy producers.

Producers who have not provided production data for February through July 2009 to Farm Service Agency, and have not already been contacted by Farm Service Agency to provide such data, had until Jan. 19, 2010 to apply for a Dairy Economic Loss Assistance payment.

Any dairy producer who has an annual average adjusted gross nonfarm income of more than \$500,000 for calendar years 2006 through 2008 is not eligible for Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment program.

Customary lease payment dates and rates announced

To be credited as a significant contribution to any farming operation, owned or leased equipment must meet certain requirements. According to 1-PL (Rev.1) para 152B and 153B and 4-PL, para 73B and 74B, the County Committee will annually establish "customary" terms for land and equipment leases. This includes payment timeframes. This policy applies to cases where equipment is leased from someone with an

interest in the farming operation or land is leased from someone with an interest in the crop or crop proceeds. These terms are to be established bona fide transactions between unrelated parties. Exceptions should not be made for "family situations."

The Norton County Committee has established the following as "Customary Rental Terms for 2010:"

Equipment

All equipment leased for planting and/or harvesting should be paid for by Dec. 31 for the 2010 Crop Year.

Land

Cropland leased should be paid either by first or second half or in full by Nov. 1 for the 2010 Crop Year.

Pasture leased should be paid by Oct. 31 for the 2010 Grazing Season.

Nex-Tech

(Continued from Page 1) construction phase will start immediately, with the project slated for completion by December 2012.

"I applaud this forward-looking mixture of infrastructure. Rural Telephone's use of a hybrid system will maximize technical benefits while assuring financial viability of the project and delivery at affordable rates," said Mark Bannister, who has served as Chair of Fort Hays State University's telecommunications department for the last decade.

"Rural Telephone has partnered with RUS to successfully deliver 32 projects since 1952, with no

delinquent payments," Sevier said.

"Rural Telephone and Nex-Tech have been building high-speed Internet with Fiber-To-The-Home for a number of years, and Rural Telephone is about 80 percent complete with its service area, but many of the rural areas surrounding some of the AT&T communities will probably never see broadband service without the funds that have been provided by this loan and grant," he added.

Nex-Tech is also a repeat recipient of RUS Broadband Loan funds, including pilot program funds.

Rural Telephone Service Co.,

Inc. is a Kansas cooperative and leader in the telecommunications industry since 1951.

Nex-Tech is a subsidiary of Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. Nex-Tech provides a full line of voice and data services to residential, government, education and commercial clients.

In addition to its Competitive Local Exchange Carrier services, Nex-Tech also provides a host of other services including long distance, VoIP, Internet, home security, and cable television. Nex-Tech prides itself on bringing affordable, state-of-the-art technologies to central and western Kansas.

Grads

(Continued from Page 1) wait until they are out and then return to the institution and pay through tax dollars," Munderloh said.

Some of the graduates, like Esquire McNair, Curtis Farr, Jarold Dorsch and Michael Thorn-ton said they were interested in continuing their education after release.

"This is a good course that we can use to better ourselves, society and our families," Farr said.

McNair and Farr both plan to continue their education.

"I hope to use this course as a stepping stone to finish my business degree so I can start a business to give back to my community," Farr said.

McNair also wants to return to school, hopefully in the Wichita area, where he plans on getting

a business degree. He wants to start a non-profit to help urban youth so they don't make the same mistakes he did.

Dorsch finished the program shortly before re-entry. He was released from Norton Correctional Facility this morning.

"It worked out all right," he said.

Dorsch is from northeast Kansas and plans to return to the area where he hopes to continue his education at Highland Community College.

Two instructors taught at Norton Correctional Facility. Dian Organ and Christiane Cole taught business communication, keyboarding, Quickbooks, practical office and customer relations.

Cole said she made it clear to her students that they were taking a college course and would be ex-

pected to perform as though they were in a college classroom.

Organ said she wanted to see the students become more skilled in life and social skills, which would help them become employable after release.

"I have never worked with such a driven group of men," Organ said.

The course showed many of the inmates it was possible to be successful.

"It was very helpful in letting the people in the class know they were capable of taking college courses," McNair said.

All of the inmates expressed their gratitude for the opportunity.

"I thought it was an awesome class, and I was glad to be a part of it. I'd gladly do it again," said inmate Barney Adams.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Saturday, Jan. 30
7:30 a.m. Forensics at Oberlin
9:00 a.m. Scholar's Bowl at Thunder Ridge (Kensington)
10:00 a.m. Wrestling at Arapahoe

10:00 a.m. Wrestling at Phillipsburg

Sunday, Jan. 31
2:30 p.m. Winter Band Concert, Stull Gym

Monday, Feb. 1
FCCLACARNATION SALES BEGIN

7:00 p.m. KAY Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 2
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers

5:00 p.m. HSJV/V BB vs Smith Center (H)

FCCLA Cake Raffle

Wednesday, Feb. 3
FCCLA District Elections at Hill City

A.P. S.A.C. meeting

Thursday, Feb. 4
A.P.B.A.S.S. Meetings

A.P. National Honor Society: Prospective member meeting

7:00 p.m. FCCLA Board Meeting

Friday, Feb. 5
7:00 p.m. HSBB JV/V at Hill City

5:00 p.m. HSWR JV/V at Ellis w/Plainville

Saturday, Feb. 6
7:30 a.m. Forensics at Hill City

9 a.m. JV/V Wrestling at Panther Classic in Phillipsburg

Regional Piano Festival at FHSU

ACT Test date

Sunday, Feb. 7
3:00 p.m. Auditions Mr. NCHS at East Campus

Norton Junior High School

Monday, Feb. 1
A.P. Stuco

Tuesday, Feb. 2
A.P. KAY Board

Wednesday, Feb. 3
7:30 a.m. TEAM meeting

Thursday, Feb. 4
5:00 p.m. JHWR at Stockton

Saturday, Feb. 6
9:30 a.m. JHWR NJHS invite

Eisenhower Elementary School

Wednesday, Feb. 3
3:40 p.m. Faculty meeting

Thursday, Feb. 4
EES IEP Day

3:40 p.m. EES EC/2 GLM

All Schools

Monday, Feb. 1
7:00 p.m. USD 211 and 213 EOE Reps to meet at Lenora

Wednesday, Feb. 3
9:30 Admin. Team meeting, USD Office

Thursday, Feb. 4

Progress Reports for 3rd 9 weeks go home

School Lunch Menus
Norton Junior High- High School

Monday
Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage on a stick, fruit or juice, or toast w/margarine and jelly, cereal, milk

Lunch: Tater tot casserole, broccoli and cauliflower salad, applesauce, rolls w/margarine or chef salad, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit or juice, cereal, milk

Lunch: Slivered roast beef sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pasta salad, corn, mandarin oranges or chef salad, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage patty, fruit or juice, or toast w/margarine and jelly, cereal, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, seasoned french fries, french bread w/margarine, peaches, carrots, or chef salad, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel w/cream cheese, fruit or juice, cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Pepperoni pizza pockets, green beans, garden salad, rosey applesauce, or chef salad, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Waffles w/syrup, sausage link, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Ham and turkey deli sandwich, lettuce and tomato, pasta salad, pears, or salad, milk

Eisenhower Elementary school

Monday
Breakfast: Rolled-up sausage

link, tater tots, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Homemade pancakes, warm syrup, apple juice, milk

Lunch: Ham and cheese, homemade bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, peaches, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Breakfast cake, grape juice, milk

Lunch: Ham and beans, celery stick, cornbread, applesauce jello, cookie, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, warm toast, apple juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ beef, homemade bun, warm peas, potato salad, orange delight, milk

Northern Valley Schools

Saturday, Jan. 30
Ag Ed Symposium at Hutchinson - D. Zillinger

7:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. HS forensics meet at Thunder Ridge in Kensington

9:00 a.m. HS Scholars Bowl meet at Thunder Ridge in Kensington

3 p.m. HSBB vs Thunder Ridge at Alma (B Girls, B Boys, A Girls, A Boys)

Monday, Feb. 1
"Pennies for Patients" Feb 1st - Feb 12th

Junior High League BB tournament at Logan

6 p.m. NV Girls vs Damar

7 p.m. NV Boy vs Logan

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Public Notice

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V. Joseph and Aaron J. Herman, both of Norton, as members of a family group acting in concert have applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to retain control of First Norton Corporation, Norton, Kansas. First Norton Corporation controls First Security Bank & Trust Company, Norton, Kansas. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, One Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64198. The comment period will not

end before Feb. 18, 2010 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President, at (816) 881-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

4 p.m. High School BB vs Alma at Alma

Thursday, Feb. 4
4 p.m. Junior High League BB tournament at Logan

Friday, Feb. 5
9:30 a.m. No Preschool - ECD Meeting at Phillipsburg

4 p.m. High School BB vs Thunder Ridge at Kensington

Northern Valley Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Apple coffeecake, eggs, sliced peaches, cold cereal, milk

Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, hot roll w/ honey butter, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Pancakes, ham slice, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, cold cereal, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburger on a bun, tri-tator, buttered broccoli,

chocolate pudding, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, hashbrowns, fruit punch, cold cereal, milk

Lunch: Nachos w/ground beef, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered green beans, lemon pie, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Sausage cheese biscuit, scrambled eggs, orange juice, cold cereal, milk

Lunch: Sloppy Joes on a bun, french fries, buttered peas, peach slices, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Cherry muffin, sausage, hashbrowns, pineapple chunks, cold cereal, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti, sauce, cheese, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered corn, garlic bread, frosted pear, milk

Lenora Elementary Menu

Monday

Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, milk

Lunch: Fajita, pasta salad, relishes, pears, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Ham patty, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Soup, grilled cheese, veggie strips, cherry crisp, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Malta meal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Hamburger, pickle, lettuce, tomato, apple, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Sausage, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, french fries, mixed vegetables, brownie, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Sausage, coffee cake, juice, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, cake, milk



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