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USDA Announces New Loan Program Changes Do Not Apply to Cotton

ACRE Sign-Up Begins April 27

By Shawn Wade

For the U.S. cotton industry this week's announcement that USDA was modifying some Market Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment rules created a moment of concern. Fortunately USDA quickly laid those concerns to rest with an explanation that the rules announced this week are generally applicable to grains and oilseed crops and DO NOT affect cotton.

USDA noted that the Cotton Market Assistance Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment rules were actually the first 2008 Farm Bill rules published by USDA in November 2008 and are unaffected by this week's announcement.

In their clarification, USDA specifically says that there will be no changes in the use of premiums and discounts at the time of cotton loan making, and there are also no changes to the Cotton Storage Agreement between the Commodity Credit Corp. and cotton warehouses.

USDA noted that the grain and oilseed loan provisions

were delayed by the Obama Administration's policy to review all new regulations, including those that were initiated by the previous Administration, before they were published.

For grain and oilseed producers this week's announcement will have an impact on the way the USDA calculates and settles 2009-crop MAL and LDP payments.

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced the new rules, which will apply to 2009-crop MAL and LDP payments for wheat, rice, feed grains, soybeans, other oilseeds, pulse crops, honey, wool and mohair, on April 7, 2009. In addition to having no impact on cotton loan provisions, the announced changes will not apply to peanuts.

Vilsack explained that as part of USDA's efforts to streamline the loan process, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will no longer adjust loan rates on warehouse-stored loans for wheat, rice,

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District took action on March 9, 2009 to call a bond election for the issuance of \$25,000,000 of bonds by the Borden County Independent School District as allowed by State Law for the construction of school buildings, the purchase of school buses, the purchase of school sites, and levying the tax to pay for the bonds associated with a project of this nature. Meetings to explain the above proposals are scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009, and Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the school auditorium of the Borden County School in Gail, Texas. A printed brochure will be mailed to members of the Borden County School Community on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 and Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Please feel free to contact Superintendent Jimmy Thomas in person, via email at jthomas@bcisd.net, or by phone at 806-756-4313 if you have questions or need additional information pertaining to this issue.

NOTICE OF A BOND ELECTION

1. An election (the "Election") shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on May 9, 2009 in the Borden County Independent School District (the "District") at the regular election precincts of the District, at the polling places, as follows:

Polling Place For Persons Residing in the District and in Borden County Election Precinct No.	Polling Place Location
1	Plains Community Center 2300 Farm-to-Market Road 1054 Plains Community, Texas
2A	Gail Community Room 116 E. Wilbourn Gail, Texas
2B	Vealmoor Election Building 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas
3A	Murphy Election Building 650 County Road 383 North Lake J.B. Thomas
3B	Fairview Election Building 100 County Road 338 South Lake J.B. Thomas
4A	Borden County Courthouse 117 E. Wasson Gail, Texas
4B	Don Jones Residence 4601 FM 612, Fluvanna Community, Texas

Polling Place For Persons Residing in the District and in Howard County Precinct No.	Polling Place Location
2B	Vealmoor Election Building 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas

2. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at:

Borden County Independent School District
Office of the Superintendent
240 W. Kincaid Street
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 27, 2009 through May 5, 2009, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerks shall keep said early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance. The early voting clerks for the Election shall be Joan Marshall and Terri Buchanan.

3. All resident, qualified electors of said District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

4. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Borden County Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of school buses and land for school sites; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

5. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

For _____)
) THE ISSUANCE OF \$25,000,000 OF BONDS BY BORDEN
) COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL
) BUILDINGS AND THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES AND
 Against _____)
) SCHOOL SITES AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT OF
) SUCH BONDS.
)

BC Girl's Golf Off to Regionals

By Coach Baeza

The Borden County Golf Teams traveled to Gains County Golf Course on April 9 to compete in the District 4-A golf tournament. Both boys and girls teams competed well but it was the girls team who took second place in the girls bracket and advanced to regional in Lubbock on April 20-21. Great job ladies!

Results are as follows:
 Girls: 2nd Place-525-Krista Tarleton-124, Taylor Richey-127, Seleste Herridge-137, D'Nae Johnson-137 and Olivia Key-144.

Boys: 4th Place-450-Karl Lamming-107, Michael Froman-108, Austin Fields-112, Brendan Tarleton-123 and Michael Cooley-129.



Walk Across Texas is now in it's third week and all the teams are doing great. Team R.A.C.E. is in the lead with 106.5 for this past week for a total of 198.5 miles. The County Cruisers walked 36 miles and have a total of 70 miles followed by the Cool Coyotes with 19.5 miles last week and a total of 53 miles. Great job everyone!

School Lunch Menu

April 20 - 24, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Green Beans, Potatoes, Applesauce, Hot Roll and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Smoked Sausage, Grilled Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Crisp and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

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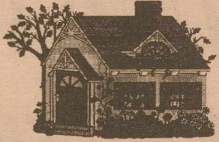
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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Controlling Spill Over From Work to Home

When working parents are tired and over stressed from work the spill over can influence their interactions with their family. Children are very sensitive to their parents' moods. Children know when we are upset. They do not understand why and will often assume that they are the problem. Here are some tips to leave the stress at work and avoid spill over.

Decide what is reasonable for your work. Prioritize your work, if you have a demanding supervisor have them help you prioritize your work so that your load is manageable. Be realistic about what you can accomplish at work. Before the end of your work day spend a few minutes clearing away unfinished business and determine where you need to begin your next work day. Leave work at work. Do not take it home mentally or physically. If you work at home, designate an area as your work area and leave work there.

Make a transition for yourself from work to home. Use the time to mentally change gears. If music is relaxing play some that you enjoy. Do any errands or chores BEFORE you pick up the children. If your children are in a child care which stays open later than your work this may

be the time of day you spend a few minutes alone to recharge your batteries.

Create a "hello" ritual with your children. Young children will enjoy a hug and kiss. Tell about a happy event from your day. Focus on the kids. They need your support for a successful transition from child care to home.

Your attitude makes a world of difference for your children. They need your reassurance that you are happy to be their parent. No body can take the place of "MY Mom" or "MY Dad". Our children are counting on us to show them in a thousand small ways what it takes to be a happy and healthy human being.

When you arrive home have a routine. Perhaps everyone changes into play clothes. Share a healthy snack. A light snack will not spoil dinner but it will let you prepare a meal without everyone hanging on to you in the kitchen. Children might enjoy some quiet time while you prepare dinner or your family might be energized by sharing an outdoor activity before you gather in for the evening meal.

Written by: Jinny Hopp, Human Development Specialist, Jasper County, University of Missouri Extension

Gail FFA Clothes and Shoe Drive

The Gail FFA Chapter is once again sponsoring it's annual "Give the shirt off your back" clothing and shoe collection drive.

The public is welcome to participate!

Categories: Clothing / Shoe Items

Items should be clean, folded and placed in a box or trash bag. (Shoes separate)

Items can be brought by the

Ag. Building or picked up by an FFA student right from your vehicle.

Final delivery date: Monday, April 27th.

All items to be delivered by Gail FFA to a needy area organization.

Gail FFA and Lone Wolf District ask you to help "Give the shirt off your back" or... out of your closet.... for a worthy cause.

AVISO DE UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS

1. Se celebrará una elección (la "Elección") en el horario de las 7:00 A.M. a las 7:00 P.M. el 9 de mayo del 2009, en el Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Borden (el "Distrito") en los distritos electorales habituales de dicho Distrito, en los centros de votación, como sigue:

Centro de Votación para las personas que radican en el Distrito y en el Núm. del Distrito Electoral del Condado de Borden	Ubicación del Centro de Votación
1	Centro Comunitario Plains 2300 Farm-to-Market Road 1054 Plains Community, Texas
2A	Salón Comunitario Gail 116 E. Wilbourn Gail, Texas
2B	Edificio Electoral Vealmoor 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas
3A	Edificio Electoral Murphy 650 County Road 383 North Lake J.B. Thomas
3B	Edificio Electoral Fairview 100 County Road 338 South Lake J.B. Thomas
4A	Recinto Judicial del Condado de Borden 117 E. Wasson Gail, Texas
4B	Residencia Don Jones 4601 FM 612, Fluvanna Community, Texas

Centro de Votación para las personas que radican en el Distrito y Núm. del Distrito Electoral del Condado de Howard	Ubicación del Centro de Votación:
2B	Edificio Electoral Vealmoor 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas

2. La votación anticipada en persona y por correo se llevará a cabo en:

Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Borden
Oficina de la Superintendencia
240 W. Kincaid Street
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

y durante el periodo de votación anticipada que se requiere o se permite por ley, que es desde el 27 de abril del 2009 hasta el 5 de mayo del 2009, el horario designado para la votación anticipada en persona será de 8:00 A.M. a 4:00 P.M., cada día excepto sábados, domingos y días feriados del estado, y las secretarías de la votación anticipada mantendrán el centro de votación anticipada abierto durante dichas horas para la votación anticipada en persona. Las secretarías para la votación anticipada de la Elección serán Joan Marshall y Terri Buchanan.

3. Todos los residentes que sean electores calificados de dicho Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la Elección.

4. En la Elección, se someterá la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICIÓN

¿Se le autorizará al Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Borden a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por un importe total agregado al capital de \$25,000,000 con el propósito de adquirir, construir, renovar y equipar los edificios escolares en el Distrito y adquirir autobuses escolares y terrenos para construir escuelas, cuando dichos bonos tendrán una fecha de vencimiento, devengarán intereses y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley existente en el momento de su emisión; y se le autorizará al Consejo de Administración gravar y avalar y hacer que se valtien y recauden impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades en el Distrito que estén sujetas a impuestos, sin limite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés de los bonos y el costo de cualquier acuerdo de crédito celebrado con respecto a los bonos?

5. Las boletas oficiales para la Elección se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas a fin de permitirles a los electores a votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN antedicha, y las boletas contendrán las cláusulas, marcas y lenguaje exigidos por la ley, y que la susodicha PROPOSICIÓN deberá expresarse sustancialmente como sigue:

PROPOSICIÓN

A favor _____) LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DEL CONDADO DE BORDEN POR LA CANTIDAD DE \$25,000,000 PARA CONSTRUIR EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y ADQUIRIR AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES Y TERRENOS PARA CONSTRUIR ESCUELAS Y GRAVAR UN IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE DICHOS BONOS.
En contra _____)

Borden County ISD Board Meeting March 9, 2009

Regular Board Meeting March 9, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Carol Lewis. Jimmy Thomas, Bart McMeans, Erick Macha, Ross Sharp, and Gary Smith were also present. Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine were absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action on an order calling a bond election in the Borden County Independent School District for \$25,000,000 on May 9, 2009, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of school buses and land for school sites. The motion carried unanimously. See Attachment.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to take action to purchase 158.8 acres from Kayla Moreland at a price of \$500 per acre and in accordance with the completion of the survey and title insurance policy search results. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A discussion pertaining to requesting the Borden County Commissioner's Court to allow the Borden County Independent School District to access the County Permanent School Fund for permanent improvements as allowed by State Law was discussed. No action was taken until further information could be obtained pertaining to the retention of future mineral royalties associated with this fund.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009, and March 3, 2009, meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the March 2009 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the contracts of all professional personnel for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the textbook adoptions for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular meeting for 7:00 P.M. on April 20, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to amend the 2008-2009 budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the recommendations of the Bi-County Special Education Directors pertaining to the contracts of the Bi-County Cooperative professional employees for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, gave a personnel report, reported that 207 students were enrolled as of March 5, 2009, gave a construction report, and a student failure and honor roll report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting April 13, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 6:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John

Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine (arrived at 8:05). Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas, Richard Constancio, James Hicks, and Jason and Erick Macha were also present. Joe Harding was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. The upcoming bond issue and Potential Construction Project were discussed.

4. A discussion pertaining to requesting the Borden County Commissioner's Court to allow the Borden County Independent School District to access the County Permanent School Fund for permanent improvements to the Borden County Independent School District as allowed by State Law was conducted. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to request the Borden County Commissioner's Court To Allow the Borden County Independent School District to access the County Permanent School Fund for permanent improvements to the Borden County Independent School District as allowed by State Law if the proposed Borden County I.S.D. bond election passes on May 9, 2009. The motion carried four to two with John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, and Mike Valentine voting in favor of the motion. Carol Lewis and Dennis Poole voted against the motion.

5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to join the Texas Schools for Economic Development. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

USDA Announces Program Changes...

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feed grains, soybeans, other oilseeds, pulse crops, honey, wool and mohair by premiums and discounts at loan making time. Loan rates will be adjusted by premiums and discounts only at loan settlement, if the commodity is either farm-stored delivered or warehouse-stored forfeited.

Vilsack also announced that for the aforementioned commodities (excluding cotton and peanuts) CCC has decided it will no longer require the execution of a storage agreement in storage facilities that are either (a) federally-licensed or (b) in compliance with applicable state laws and issue warehouse receipts. CCC still reserves the right to execute a storage agreement in either (a) or (b) if deemed necessary by the Secretary.

CCC may also, on a case-by-case basis, require a storage agreement for storage facilities that are neither (a) nor (b). This modification in the regulation is expected to benefit warehouse operators and producers by eliminating redundant costs without increasing financial risk for CCC.

ACRE Program Sign-Up To Begin April 27

Also announced this week was the April 27, 2009 starting date for producers to elect and enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. ACRE is a provision of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers will have until August 14, 2009, to make their decision for the 2009 crop. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who elect the

ACRE program for a farm agree to:

(1) forgo counter-cyclical payments; (2) accept a 20-percent reduction of their direct payments; and (3) accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm.

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created in the 2008 Farm Bill to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which IRREVOCABLY elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

For more information about the Market Assistance Loan Program, Loan Deficiency Payments or the ACRE program please visit your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Thought for the Day

*The things I say and
do today in memory's
book, I'll keep, and
when I'm old and read
them-will I laugh or
will I weep?*

--Unknown

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BORDEN)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County