

KASCOE CONFERENCE CALL

The KASCOE Directors held a conference call on May 11, 2011, at 4:30 PM.

Those in attendance on the call were:

District #1 – Dusty Zerr
District #2 – Marsha Gerstner
District #3 – David Sweany - absent
District #4 – Frank Sayles
District #5 – Brandon Wilson
District #6 – Karen Holloway
District #7 – Joan Sanders
District #8 – Lisa Crockett
District #9 – Ernie Battin

Also on the conference call were Autumn Simmons and Michael Martin who attended the Legislative Conference in WDC in March.

The purpose of the conference call was to discuss the comment period being held by USDA concerning how producers will be reporting their acres to FSA and RMA in the future.

Brandon explained that NASCOE has asked that each county find one producer who is willing to make a comment which supports FSA to be the agency in charge of taking crop acreage reports. KASCOE is asking that each county find a total of three producers. Directors will need to contact each of the counties in their District as soon as possible to discuss this with them. This will need to be done outside of government time and not using government equipment.

During the call the following was covered:

1. Background – this topic was discussed at the Legislative Conference in March.
2. Persons and entities other than FSA will be contacting members of Congress asking that they be in charge of taking crop acreage reports.
3. The fall reporting deadlines will be the same for FSA and RMA – Dec. 15th for wheat, Dec. 31st for insurable grass, July 15th for feed grains and August 1st for all others. It will be the producer's choice where they report. Beginning in 2012, they will only report their acres in one place.
4. 2011 will be the practice year for the new deadline dates.
5. The ramifications of reduced accuracy and consistency if FSA doesn't take acreage reports.
6. The comment period, which ends May 20th.
7. Instructions – Brandon will be sending two e-mails to Directors tonight with further instructions.

With there being no further business, the call was concluded at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Marsha L. Gerstner, Secretary