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Up-to-the-Minute Farm Program News Direct to Your Email Account

Executive Director, Adrian J. Polansky announced that farmers, ranchers and others in Kansas now have a more efficient, timely option for receiving important FSA program eligibility requirements, deadlines and related information.

"FSA is now offering free online communications through our GovDelivery electronic news service," said Polansky. "News will now be sent via e-mail - allowing you to receive immediate notification of program news that is pertinent to your agricultural operation," he said.

Through FSA's GovDelivery electronic news service, anyone can establish subscriber preferences by choosing to receive federal farm program information by topic, by state and/or by county. Subscribers can select as many options as they want, which allows producers who farm in multiple counties or across state lines to receive updates from each county in which they operate or have an interest.

FSA in Kansas will automatically subscribe farmers and ranchers to GovDelivery when they provide their email address to the local FSA office. FSA has already subscribed about 16,000 producers in Kansas to receive news electronically through GovDelivery.

Grassroots organizations, agri-businesses, and others interested in receiving FSA information through email can subscribe to GovDelivery online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe. After you enter your email address, click on '+' next to 'Updates for State and County'. Scroll down and click on '+' next to 'Kansas' and select the counties which you have an interest and click on 'Submit' at the bottom of the page. Please note that there are other options available in GovDelivery that will provide you national information by topic through your email.

"Unfortunately, the FSA budget deficit affects the way we normally do business," said Polansky. "We no longer have funding to mail newsletters and other mass mailings. GovDelivery is a free electronic news delivery service that ensures Kansas farmers and ranchers remain informed of program changes, signups and deadlines."

A small supply of printed newsletters will be available in the FSA county office for those that don't have emails.

Please contact your local FSA office if you have questions regarding FSA's GovDelivery electronic news service.
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