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COMMITTEE ELECTIONS: BALLOTS DUE DECEMBER 1, 2008

Candidates have been nominated for Lane County's FSA Committee election. Ballots will be mailed to known eligible voters the first of November. You will be voting from the selection of candidates for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 ... **OAKRIDGE, COTTAGE GROVE, LORANE, VENETA, HWY 126 WEST**, and the **COASTAL** areas of Lane County. If your primary agriculture interest is in this area and you believe you should have received a ballot, call our office.

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE choice and **SIGN THE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE** where indicated. **UNSIGNED BALLOTS ARE NOT VALID.** If you are voting as a representative of an entity, you must have signature authority and include the **BY** or **FOR** in your signature. Spouses can not sign for each other.

Mail your ballot back (postmarked Dec 1st or earlier) or drop it by our office by 4:30 pm on Dec 1st. To assist you in voting, the following are biographies of this year's candidates. All three candidates have indicated they are willing to serve if elected.

PAT GOODWIN resides on Halderson Road west of Eugene. She has been involved with tree farming since 1987 and operates a horse ranch. Pat is a member of the Oregon Small Woodland Owners Association.

AL OLLIVANT lives on Quail Loop east of Cottage Grove. He has been a tree farmer for fifteen years and a reforestation contractor and logger for more than 30 years.

DARREL SPIESSCHAERT lives on Briggs Hill Road south of Crow where he has a tree farm and raises cattle and horses. Darrel worked as a forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry and retired after 32 years.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP is available for all crops not covered under Federal Crop Insurance. NAP provides catastrophic level coverage (50% yield / 55% price) to crops damaged by eligible weather events that occur before or during harvest. Cost is \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county with a maximum of \$1875/multi county producer.

Deadline to purchase NAP coverage has been extended for the 2009 crop year on some crops. The 2009 Farm Bill requires NAP and Federal Crop Insurance coverage on all farm crops for supplemental disaster programs.

12/1/08 (normally 10/1/08) Fall planted vegetable seeds, canola, carrots, onions and other seed crops; Christmas trees, cut flowers, ornamental nursery, herbs

12/1/08 (normally 10/1/08) Grass, alfalfa, small grain (fall or spring planted), other forage, grazing, grass seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, and any other perennial not mentioned

12/1/08 (normally 11/20/08) **ALL fruit crops**, honey

3/15/09 All spring planted crops not mentioned

5/31/09 Buckwheat

OFFICE CLOSURES:

Nov 11 Veteran's Day Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

Federal Crop Insurance Coverage (FCIC) – 2009 Crops

Various crops in Lane County are covered by USDA's Risk Management Agency **FCIC** Program. These crops are **NOT** eligible for loss assistance under NAP. 2009 Insurable Crops and sales closing dates:

11/20/08 Grapes, Apples, Pears
11/30/08 Apiculture (Pilot program)
1/31/09 Adjusted Gross Revenue
3/15/09 Barley, Oats, Sweet Corn, Mint-Basic, Field Corn,
Processed Beans, Adjusted Gross Revenue Lite
5/1/09 Nursery

Apiculture (API) Pilot Vegetation Index program is new for 2009 and is available in all Oregon counties. Apiculture is the raising and care of honey bees for agriculture crop production purposes, to include but not limited to honey production, collections of pollen, wax, and breeding purposes.

FCIC Programs for Livestock

Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) The LRP policy offers protection against a decline in fed cattle, feeder cattle and hog prices during the term of the Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE). A separate LRP policy is available for feeder or slaughter lambs. Sales for 2009 crop year runs July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. LRP is available in all Oregon counties.

Application Process & Cause of Loss

Applications for LRP are submitted through FCIC approved private insurance providers. A producer activates coverage at any time by applying for an SCE. Insurance will attach immediately upon RMA confirmation of acceptance of the SCE. There are funding limitations for all livestock programs; therefore, RMA tracks total policy sales against available underwriting capacity using a real time web-based program. Applications for insurance will be rejected when the underwriting capacity has been reached.

A policy is due an indemnity if prices drop below a predetermined level and all terms and conditions of the policy have been met.

Fact sheets for each covered crop or livestock and a list of private crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at:
<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

Farm Loan Program for Youths Youth loans are available for members of 4-H and FFA groups, ages 10 through 20 who want to start any income production enterprise recommended by their leader or teacher. For further information, contact Pat Joerger in the Tangent Service Center, 541.967.5925 Ext 109.

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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) CREP is a jointly funded program by the USDA and State of Oregon. Program objectives include: reducing sediment and nutrient pollution from Ag lands, stabilizing stream banks with adequate vegetation, reducing water temperatures, improving habitat for fish species, and providing a mechanism for farmers to help meet water quality requirements established by federal and state laws.

FSA provides participants with annual rental payments for the life of the contract (10 to 15 years) and cost sharing on practice installation. You will also qualify for Signup Incentive and Practice Completion Incentive payments. CREP targets the use of Riparian Buffers, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Habitat Buffers, and Wetland Buffers to meet the objectives of the program. No enrollment deadlines. Call for details.

2008 Direct & Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program Enrollment Extended DCP farms with 10.0 or less base acres were not authorized payment under the 2008 Farm Bill (Section 1101 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008). H.R. 6849 was enacted on October 13, 2008. The legislation provides for both of the following:

- Suspending the 10.0 acre provision for the 2008 crop year
- Extending the 2008 DCP signup for farms with 10.0 base acres or less of covered commodities and peanuts until November 26, 2008.

For contract year 2008 only, farms with 10.0 base acres or less of covered commodities and peanuts may receive payments, provided all eligibility criteria has been met. H.R. 6849 does not extend the DCP signup deadline for farms with greater than 10.0 base acres. Contact Phil at Ext 105 for assistance. **Remember the deadline of November 26, 2008.**

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) Producers who plant grains, or silage corn for crop year 2008; or will be shearing sheep or selling slaughter lambs should be aware that they may be eligible to receive an LDP for these crops. Payments are available when the posted county price is lower than the county loan rate. Prices are posted daily; call our office to find out if there is an LDP rate available on any given day.

To be eligible for LDP's, you must comply with conservation/wetland protection requirements, beneficial interest requirements, and report your crop acres. Requesting LDP's is easy with form CCC-633 EZ. **Complete page 1 of the form indicating your intention to receive LDP benefits BEFORE losing interest in the crop.** Once you've signed the form you can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period, before or after losing beneficial interest. Call Patti at Ext 100 to request page 1 to sign now!

STAY TUNED TO THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE NEW AND REVISED PROGRAMS THAT ARE A RESULT OF PASSING THE FIVE-YEAR 2008 FARM BILL. NEXT NEWSLETTER IS DUE OUT THE LATER PART OF DECEMBER.

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