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Yamhill County FSA Updates

**** We have a new fax number: 877-885-8382 ****

Keep your eye out here for information on the new farm bill as it becomes available.

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Next County Committee Meeting:

April 10 @ 8:00 a.m., if needed

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 17 - Closing date (NAP) - beans (fresh), broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, sweet corn (fresh), cucumbers, lentils, mustard, oats for hay, peas, pumpkins, safflowers, sunflowers, squash, tomatoes, watermelons.

Mar 17 - Closing date (Crop Insurance) - Adjusted Gross Income - Lite, barley, beans (processed), field corn (silage), sweet corn (processed), oats, cabbage (fresh & processed in Clackamas, Marion & Multnomah only) & potatoes (Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah & Washington.).

May 1 - Closing date (Crop Insurance) - Nursery (field & container)

May 1 - Closing date (NAP) - Nursery - Ornamental & Propagation Stock Nonornamental (ask about coverage if not covered under crop insurance.)

May 15 - Acreage Reports for Cabbage planted 3/12 to 4/20

May 26 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 30 - Acreage Reports for Nursery

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) is a federally funded program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. Application for coverage must be filed by the applicable crop's application closing date.

Production records for all crops must be reported to FSA no later than the acreage reporting date for the crop for the following year. FSA requires that any production reported in a loss year be verified according to agency specifications. NAP losses must be reported within 15 days of loss.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

County committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in...

Arne Goddik of Dayton was elected to represent LAA 2.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. Mr. Goddik took office on February 18, 2014, and joined the existing committee, Drenda Bayliss and David Cruickshank.

For more information about county committees and the election process, please contact your local FSA Office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

BEGINNING FARMER LOANS

FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- * Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- * Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- * Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- * Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available from our Farm Loan Manager or Officer at the numbers listed above. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Yamhill County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline. The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Oregon:

May 15, 2014: Cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 3/12 - 4/20

May 30, 2014: Nursery (NAP coverage)

July 15, 2014: Spring alfalfa seed, spring barley, cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 4/21-6/10, cabbage for seed, spring canola, field corn, dry beans, dry peas, grass for seed or sod, green peas, spring mint, mustard, oats, onions (planted 2/15-5/15), onions for seed, potatoes, processing beans, sugars beets, sweet corn, spring wheat and all other crops not listed under another dates.

August 15, 2014: Cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 6/11 - 8/10

September 30, 2014: **2015 CROP YEAR:** Aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, turfgrass sod, mushrooms, floriculture (including flower seed) - all for NAP coverage.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must

be provided to the county office.

- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Yamhill County FSA office at 503-472-1474 x2.

FSA ALLOWS LENDERS TO USE EVALUATIONS INSTEAD OF APPRAISALS FOR LOANS OF \$250,000 OR LESS

Lenders that originate Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteed loans may now use internal real estate “collateral evaluations” to support loan requests of \$250,000 or less, rather than appraisals.

This policy change will allow lenders more flexibility and a faster underwriting process, and is consistent with industry standards.

Lenders must follow their regulator’s “Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines” and apply these same policies to FSA guaranteed loans as non-guaranteed loans. In addition, lenders should request an appraisal when they would do so for unguaranteed loans even if the loan is under the threshold, such as when the expected loan-to-value is above their established standards.

A description of the method of establishing the real estate value – whether appraisal or evaluation – needs to be described to FSA in their credit presentation.

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