



NEWSLETTER



Idaho Farm Service Agency

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County Newsletter

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Guaranteed Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency loan limit for the Guaranteed Loan Program has increased to \$1,302,000. The limit is adjusted annually based on data compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lending limit increases every year according to an inflation index. The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness has increased to \$1,602,000.

As a reminder, the one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. Producers should contact their local FSA County Offices with questions about farm loans.

Conservation Reserve Program

Idaho Producers in 24 counties elected to offer over 54,000 acres to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) during the General CRP sign-up which ended on June 14, 2013. Currently there are 622,570 acres in CRP in the State, however over 68,000 acres will come out of the program September 30, 2013. Some of these acres were re-enrolled but some will go back into production.

If all of the offered acres are accepted it will create a net loss of 14,000 acres of conservation land in Idaho. Although the General CRP has a limited sign-up period there are still opportunities for additional acres to go into conservation practices. The Continuous CRP is an ongoing program that producers can take advantage of by contacting their county office. Continuous CRP is focused on environmentally sensitive land and offers are not ranked against each other. Environmentally sensitive land may include, but is not limited to, agricultural land prone to erosion, pasture or agricultural land that borders river or stream banks, or field margins. Continuous CRP sign-up land eligibility requirements also take into consideration the type of conservation practice the owner wishes to install.

The current CRP acres were once highly erodible farm land that has been put into conservation practices that provide erosion control and significantly improve our water quality. CRP helps to reduce nutrient and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods. CRP acres also create expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat including protection for Idaho's sage grouse population.

NASS Survey Complete

Thank you for your support as NASS conducted the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Data collection is complete, analysis is underway, and results will be released in February 2014.



Thanks to all who responded. Look for results in February 2014

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New Computer System

If you have been to your county office recently you are aware that FSA has a new computer system known as MIDAS (Modernize and Innovate the Delivery of Agricultural Systems). MIDAS promises to be an efficient and effective way to deliver our programs to you, the producer, but we are still working out some of the bugs.

Although implementing any new large-scale technology like MIDAS is going to experience a drop in performance at the outset, we hope to ensure that this period is as brief as possible, and that any problems are identified and addressed as quickly as possible. The FSA National Office is working closely with the MIDAS technical team to assess and address the issues as they arise and to provide guidance to system users in the field.

Each county office employee received broad training on MIDAS and is able to work effectively when the program is operable. In the interim, we want to thank everyone for their understanding as we implement this new system.

DCP Deadline: Aug. 2

The sign-up period for DCP is coming to a close. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline. The deadline for ACRE was June 3, 2013.

The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012, with the exception of the option to elect ACRE but that deadline has passed. However if you elected ACRE in 2012 you may change to DCP this year.

Read more about DCP and ACRE or contact the FSA county office for more information, or an appointment to enroll.

Filing for NAP Losses

For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Highly Erodible Lands and Wetland Compliance

Producers participating in most programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are required to abide by certain conditions on any land owned or farmed that is highly erodible or that is considered a wetland.

To be in compliance with the highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions, producers must agree, that they will not:

- Produce an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without a conservation system;
- Plant an agricultural commodity on a converted wetland;
- Convert a wetland to make possible the production of an agricultural commodity.

Producers planning to remove fence rows, convert woodlots to cropland, combine crop fields, divide a crop field into two or more fields, install new drainage, or improve or modify existing drainage, must notify the FSA and update Form AD-1026. FSA will notify NRCS and NRCS will then provide highly erodible land or wetland technical determinations.

To get additional information on highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance contact the FSA office or the NRCS office at a local USDA Service Center. Additional information about conservation programs offered by FSA can be found online at www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation, and information on NRCS programs can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Individuals interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available, should contact the local FSA office to setup an appointment with a Loan Approval Official.

Dates to Remember	
July 4	Independence Day – Offices closed
July 15	Crop Reporting Deadline
Aug. 1	Last Day to File COC Nominations
Aug. 2	DCP Sign-up Ends

Selected Interest Rates for July 2013	
Farm Operating - Direct	1.25%
Farm Ownership - Direct	3.25%
Limited Resource	5.00%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency	2.25%
Farm Storage Facility – 7 year	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility – 10 year	2.125%
Farm Storage Facility – 12 year	2.375%

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