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September 13, 2011

December 13, 2011

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Adjusted Gross Income Report

If you have not done so already --***You must submit an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form to the IRS*** as soon as possible in order to maintain eligibility for 2009 and 2010 program payments.

The consent form authorizes IRS to verify for FSA whether a producer's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs.

Producers who fail to file these forms before Sept. 2011 will receive a notice from the National Office stating that the producer is ineligible for their 2009 and/or 2010 payments, and must pay them back.

Individuals submit form CCC-927 and legal entities submit form CCC-928. Please contact the office at 208-745-6664 ext 110, if you need these forms or have any questions.

County Committee Elections

A slate of nominees for your county committee election has been established. The Nominees in LAA #2 are Randy Grover and Will Ricks, and in LAA #4 the nominee is incumbent Lee Burtenshaw.

The next step in the election process is the mailing of the ballots, which will begin on November 3, 2011. Voters have until December 5, 2011, to return their properly completed ballots to the county office. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2012.

2010 ACRE Certification Deadline Extended

The deadline for a 2010 production certification to comply with the ACRE provisions for production reports has been extended to **COB Sept. 1, 2011**. Because of this extension, using a register on Sept. 1, 2011, is **not** authorized.

The extension is for completing both the farm benchmark yield (2005 through 2009) and the actual farm yield (2010). For more details contact the local FSA office.

Marketing Assistance Loans

A Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) is available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and maintaining title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Commodity loan eligibility also requires compliance with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements, acreage reporting and ensuring that the commodity meets Commodity Credit Corporation minimum grade and quality standards. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed, or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical and/or ACRE Programs to be eligible for commodity loans.

Some of the Loan rates for 2011 are: Barley - \$2.09; Corn - \$2.24; Soft White Wheat - \$2.73; and Hard Red Winter Wheat - \$3.09.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans.

The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

CREP & Continuous CRP Available

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) allows farmers and ranchers to voluntarily enroll environmentally sensitive land into a program that decreases erosion, restores wildlife habitat and safeguards ground and surface water. CREP is a partnership with federal and state government and is limited to specific geographic areas.

Environmentally sensitive acreage qualifying for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) or Continuous CRP will be eligible for annual rental payments and cost-share of up to 50 percent on approved practices. These programs will remain funded, and continue to provide heightened environmental benefits on select areas.

SURE

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. If there is a sign up for 2010 and/or 2011 crop years, it will be announced at a later date.

To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. This requirement does not apply for crops that are not of economic significance or where the administrative fee for the NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the crop coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following conditions are required to trigger SURE payments: 1) At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 50% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition. 2) A crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm. 3) Producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, which show proof of an individual loss of at least 10% are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

Note: Due to the need to wait for end of year market price data to make final SURE calculations, SURE assistance payments lag the crop year's end by one full year.

NAP Coverage Deadline Dec. 1st

December 1 is the application deadlines for 2012 NAP coverage for alfalfa, grasses, and mixed forage. The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop. NAP provides coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance and covers those commodities that CAT is not available on.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- **By June 30th of each year**, file an acreage report for the current year **and** report harvested production for the prior year. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail and other natural causes.

For more information and specific NAP crop deadlines, contact your nearest Farm Service Agency office.

RMA - Fall Crop Insurance

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers of important 2012 crop year Federal Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) sales closing dates and changes to fall planted crop programs.

If there is no coverage filed in a county for a specific crop under the traditional MPCI program, producers are encouraged to ask a crop insurance agent whether they would be eligible for coverage under a written agreement.

RMA also reminds Idaho producers of the 2012 crop year sales closing deadlines:

Aug. 31, 2011 - Canola/Rapeseed (Fall Planted types).

Sept. 30, 2011 - **ALL** Wheat, Apiculture (Honey), Pasture Rangeland Forage.

Jan. 31, 2012 – Final date to obtain or change AGR Insurance in select counties. Final date to submit required documents to continue or change 2012 AGR-Lite Insurance for Existing Policy Holders.

Mar. 15, 2012 - Final date to obtain or change All other Spring Seeded Crop Insurance coverage (except wheat).

Financial Management Web Page

Producers who have Level 2 e-Authentication access can use the Public Financial Management Information web page. The website allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information. This resource will allow users to view details on payments, collections, and outstanding debt. The website is a great tool for producers to access financial information at any time. To view the Financial Management Information web page, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi>. Please contact your county office if you have any questions regarding the web page.

Note: Website use requires Level 2 e-Authentication access. Follow the steps below to obtain level 2 access...

1. Go to www.eauth.egov.usda.gov, complete a customer profile and submit it online
2. After submitting your customer profile, you will receive a confirmation email, and you must respond to it within 7 days to activate your account
3. Then you must complete the “Identity Proofing” process by visiting a local USDA Service Center and presenting a photo ID, such as your driver’s license



Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. If you have changed accounts or institutions that might effect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to ensure continued and uninterrupted services.

Crop Residue Burning Program

The crop residue burning (CRB) program is designed to enable growers to burn under certain conditions while protecting public health from smoke impacts. The program is managed by DEQ on lands other than the five Indian Reservations in Idaho.

Crop residue is defined as any vegetative material remaining in the field after harvest, or vegetative material produced on conservation reserve program lands. It includes whole fields, pastures, spots within a field or pasture, broken bales in the field that they were generated during the time of harvest, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, food plots, and blanching or flaming operations. It does not include vegetation along ditch banks, fence lines, orchard prunings, or forest slash piles.

Under the CRB program, growers must obtain approval from DEQ before burning by registering for a Permit-by-Rule at least 30 days before they want to burn. Detailed information on when and where the burn is to take place is required on the registration. A \$2 fee per acre registered must also be paid at least seven days in advance of the burn. In addition, growers must obtain other permits, such as a fire safety permit, if required by other agencies. Burn days are limited to weekdays during daylight hours only. Burning on weekends and state and federal holidays is prohibited. Burning can only occur in fields where the crop residue was generated.

The program requires DEQ to ensure smoke from authorized burns does not adversely impact institutions with sensitive populations, including public schools while in session, hospitals, residential health care facilities for children, the elderly or infirm, and other institutions with sensitive populations as approved by DEQ. [DEQ Policy Memorandum 10-03](#) outlines the procedures by which other institutions may apply for sensitive population status and DEQ's process for evaluating and approving such requests.

For more details, visit DEQ’s Web site or call the DEQ Regional Office nearest you. Offices are located in Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, and Twin Falls.



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2011 Dates to Remember!

- Ongoing** : Continuous CRP signup
- September 1st** : Deadline to provide production evidence for producers enrolled in the ACRE Program
- September 5th** : Office closed for Labor Day
- October 10th** : Office closed for Columbus Day
- December 1st** : Deadline to purchase NAP Insurance

August 2011 Interest Rates

- 2.125% Farm Operating – direct
- 4.625% Farm Ownership – Direct
- 1.500% Farm Ownership – Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher
- 5.000% Emergency & Limited Resource
- 1.125% Commodity Loans
- 2.250% FSFL (Farm Storage Facility Loans) with 7-year loan terms
- 3.000% FSFL with 10-year loan terms
- 3.375% FSFL with 12-year loan terms

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