



Kittitas FSA County Courier



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County Committee

Brent DeKoning, Chair
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Next COC Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2009
@ 9:00 a.m.

Important Dates

Continuing Acreage Reporting
and DCP Signup –
Deadline August 14, 2009

8/03 – COC Nomination forms
must be filed.

9/30 – Final Date to purchase
2010 NAP coverage.



2009 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION FSA COUNTS ON YOU: NOMINATE AND VOTE!

One of FSA’s responsibilities is to conduct County Committee elections in an open manner that ensures accountability. FSA will provide local organizations representing socially disadvantaged groups with detailed information about the COC election process. The agency is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their county committees. Groups representing socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, will be actively solicited for COC election candidates, and encouraged to fill out a nomination form (**FSA-669A**). **Nomination forms must be filed no later than August 3, 2009 at the FSA office. Contact this office for a nomination form.**

Under represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county’s COC election process. Producers will notice posters and announcements displayed in businesses, churches, and other public places. COC election fact sheets can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under the News & Events tab on the FSA homepage. This year nominations are for a committee member to represent producers in LAA #2. LAA #2 also known as the Denmark Area encompasses the area east of Canyon Road (Alt. Route 821) to Grant County boundary line and south of Whisky Dick Mountains to Military or Yakima County boundary line. Brent DeKoning is the current representative on the county committee.

WOOL/MOHAIR 2009 BENEFITS

It’s that time of year again to file your 633-EZ Page 1 so that your wool and mohair and unshorn pelts will be eligible for a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SELL TO SIGN THE FORM.** The form must be received in this office before you lose beneficial interest on your wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts. Producers should complete page one of the EZ form as soon as possible. Once page one is completed, producers can request benefits any time up until January 31, 2010. **Please sign and return the form to this office as soon as possible so your wool and mohair is covered.** When you sell your wool and mohair there is another form that must be completed.

NON INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP benefits are based on a producer’s individual crop losses and covers all non insurable, commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber. NAP is available to those producers who share in the risk of producing a crop. Crop losses must be the result of a weather-related disaster condition such as: drought, hail, excessive moisture, freezing conditions, excessive wind, hurricane, or other related conditions. Coverage costs \$250 per crop per county, up to \$750 maximum for single county farmers or ranchers and \$1,875 for multi-county operators. Application filing dates for 2009 crops have passed. Filing dates for 2010 are as follows:

- *Native Rangeland- September 30, 2009*
- *Small Grains (Wheat, Barley, Oats)- March 15, 2009*
- *Alfalfa, Alfalfa/Mix, Sudan, and other forage crops- September 30, 2009*

Producers with NAP coverage are required to 1) file a Notice of Loss the earlier of 15 days from the date of a disaster or 15 days of when a loss is apparent, 2) timely file an acreage report, and 3) keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. You must also provide land documentation (leases, deeds, grazing and land use permits). If you have any questions, please contact the county office for more information.

REMEMBER- Participation in NAP on grazing land is required to be eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP).



YOUTH LOANS

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income producing projects in connection with 4H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor and parents/guardians, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien.
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age.
- Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements, except managerial experience. Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people.

Currently FSA has funds available for direct loans and loan applications are encouraged. For additional information contact the Farm Loan Team at the phone number given in this newsletter.

CHANGES IN PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

The payment limitation provisions over the last 39 years have been expanded to more programs. Some of the changes in this area are listed on the below table.

Person or Legal Entity	Limitation
Program Payment Type	2009/2010/ 2011/2012
Commodity Programs	
Counter-cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), except peanuts	65,000 <u>1/</u>
Direct payment on covered commodities except peanuts	40,000 <u>2/</u>
Conservation Programs	
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2009-2012	300,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)	100,000
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	100,000
Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP); Marketing Assistance Loans; Marketing loan gain (MLG)	NO Limits

1/ Under ACRE, this amount will be a combined limitation for countercyclical and ACRE payments. If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in ACRE, this limitation will reflect an increase for the amount that direct payments are reduced.

2/ If the person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm that is in ACRE, this limitation will reflect a 20 percent reduction in ACRE.

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