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KLICKITAT COUNTY FSA

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Next COC Meeting

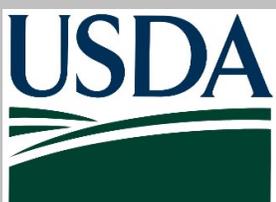
July 23, 2008
9:00 AM

Dates to Remember

- July 4- Office Closed
- July 15 Equip Deadline
- August 15-Acreage Reporting Deadline
- September 30- DCP Deadline

FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>
USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



NEW FARM BILL

After much debate, the Farm Bill has finally become law. As we learn more about the new changes, signup dates and programs we will pass the information along. Please stay tuned!

2008 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM

Signup for the 2008 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) began on June 25, 2008 and will continue through September 30, 2008. The deadline to take applications is **September 30, 2008**. Remember, you must sign a FSA-509 Contract each year in order to receive payment. Producers can elect to take 22% of the annual direct payment in advance with the remainder being paid next October. We no longer will be paying farms with 10 acres or less of base. Please call and make an appointment as soon as possible!

2008 ACREAGE CERTIFICATIONS

The county office is taking appointments for 2008 acreage reporting. Acreage Reports are required for farms with CRP, producers wanting to participate in Commodity Loan and LDP programs, farms participating in DCP and for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP). In other words, virtually everyone who participates in a program through this office will need to report his or her acres to remain in compliance. Producers who have 100% of their cropland acres in CRP will be mailed an acreage report for signature. Please do not wait until the last minute. The deadline to complete your acreage report has been extended to **August 15, 2008**.

EQIP DEADLINE

July 15 application ranking cut-off date announced for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

The new application ranking cut-off date represents an on-going agency effort to provide landowners and NRCS additional time to develop more comprehensive conservation plans for implementing the various practices and activities funded through the program. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact their local NRCS office as soon as possible to ensure eligibility and to begin the application process.

The program is trying to address resource problems by providing financial incentives for landowners to solve them by implementing the appropriate conservation practices. Funds are divided into several different funding pools to allow all land uses opportunity for the program in Benton, Yakima and Klickitat Counties. If any landowner has interest in signing up or would like more information, Please contact your local NRCS office:

Goldendale NRCS
1107 South Columbus Ave.
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ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS FOR LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

The deadline to enroll in the 2005 - 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) is **July 18, 2008**. The two programs provide aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock. LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs. In Klickitat, drought of 2005 & 2007 triggered eligibility for the livestock disaster assistance programs.

Due to the record prices of feed and cost of inputs, haying and grazing of certain acreages enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program will be allowed this year. Haying and grazing will be available after the primary nesting period ending August 1, 2008. There will not be a reduction in the annual payment but there is a \$75 administrative fee per contract to cover the cost of processing the applications. Producers may hay or graze certified stands and are limited to practices CP1, CP2, CP10, and CP4D. Filter strips, riparian buffers, and contour buffers are NOT eligible. Producers that would like to hay their contracts are limited to 50% of each field. For grazing, producers are limited to a 75% stocking rate or leave at least 25% of each field. Any damage to the grass stand must be corrected without cost share assistance. All animals and hay must be off the fields by November 10, 2008.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominations are currently being accepted for producers who wish to serve on the Klickitat County FSA Committee during the upcoming three-year term. Elections will be held this year in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2.

LAA # 2 encompasses the central area of county with the Southern boundary running along the Columbia River and the Northern boundary is the county line. The Western boundary starts at Columbia River going north on Range line dividing Range 13 & 14 until it intersects with highway 142. Follow highway 142 until you reach section line 2 miles east of the line dividing range 14 & 15, follow section line north to the Yakima Indian Reservation, then following the Reservation boundary in a general NW direction until the County Line is reached. The East boundary is from the Columbia River north up Rock Creek to the Bickelton/Goldendale highway, continuing north on section line 2 miles west of range line separating range 18 & 19 to the Yakima Indian Reservation, then following the Reservation boundary in a general NE direction until the County Line is reached.

In order to serve on the Committee, you must be considered an agricultural producer, and must either live in, or conduct the majority of your farming operations within the boundaries of the LAA you will represent. The responsibilities of the Committee include ensuring that federally mandated USDA programs are administered at the local level in the most effective manner. They are also responsible for managerial staffing of the County office. Members are expected to attend meetings that are held monthly and are compensated for their time and travel expenses. If you would like to run for a position or nominate another person for the County Committee, please submit a nominating petition no later than **August 1, 2008**. Nominating petitions are available at the county office.

NON-INSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

If you have 2008 NAP policy and suffer a loss on your non-insurable crop due to weather related conditions you must report that loss to the County Office no later than **15 days** from the date the loss becomes apparent.

COUNTY LOANS ANNOUNCED FOR 2008

2008 County Loan Rates have been announced for grain crops.

SWW Wheat	\$2.80/Bu	HRS Wheat	\$3.38/Bu
HRW Wheat	\$2.42/Bu	Barley	\$2.28/Bu

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM-QUALITY LOSSES

Our office is accepting Crop Disaster Program (CDP) quality loss applications. This program is for quality losses suffered due to natural disaster conditions for the 2005-2007 crop years. Producers who had a production that was of poor quality due to a disaster should contact our office for details.

YOUTH LOANS AVAILABLE

Youth loans available for up to \$5000 for 4-H & FFA projects. Please contact Lisa Ruff in Yakima!

