



September 2009

KLICKITAT COUNTY



Farm Service Agency

PAYMENT PROCESSING

Beginning August 3, 2009, you will receive direct deposit payments one day later than in the past. This change is necessary for the Treasury to offset payments against Federal debt, if applicable, as required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. Also, starting August 3, the description on your bank statement will read, "FSA TREAS 310."

Payments for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) will be paid in October 2009. For those producers that have signed up for the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), the Direct payment (80% of what it used to be) will also be made this October but please remember that if there is an ACRE payment, it will not be made until October 2010.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program has been implemented in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, which will allow producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers FSFL on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain

- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities

2010 CROP NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) DEADLINE

The deadline for purchasing a 2010 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) application for coverage is September 30, 2009 for perennial

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Next COC Meeting

September 30, 2009
9:00 AM

Dates to Remember

- **September 30**- deadline for DCP/ACRE signatures
- **September 30**-NAP deadline for perennial crops
- **September 30**- deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program signup

FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>
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crops such as grass, mixed forage, alfalfa hay, and rangeland. The sales closing date for fruit and berry crops is November 20 and the deadline for spring seeded crops such as grain hay is March 15, 2010. The cost per crop is \$250 with a maximum of \$750 per county or \$1875 in multiple counties.

NAP AND CROP INSURANCE LINKAGE REQUIRED FOR THE SURE PROGRAM

To be eligible for crop disaster benefits under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE), producers are required to have NAP or Federal Crop Insurance on all crops of economic significance. The sales closing date is September 30, 2009 for wheat and winter barley. March 15, 2010 is the closing date for spring barley.

2009 NAP PRODUCTION

Producers are reminded that participation in the NAP program requires that you timely provide production records in order to maintain your Actual Production History (APH). Production must be provided by June 30 following the year of harvest. Failing to timely provide your production records will have an adverse affect on your yields ultimately reducing your benefits when you suffer qualifying losses.

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) also requires that producers, who suffer losses, notify our office by filing a notice of loss, within 15 days of the occurrence which caused the loss, or when the loss becomes apparent. Please remember to report all potential losses not just the obvious ones. Something to consider is if you suffer several small occurrences which causes you to qualify for assistance, but you have failed to timely report each occurrence, you could be determined ineligible for not timely filing a loss claim. Help us help you, report your losses timely.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM SIGNUP ANNOUNCED

Ranchers who lost livestock as a result of natural disasters in 2008 or 2009 may apply for financial relief under FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning July 13, 2009. For losses that have already occurred, the signup deadline is September 14, 2009. The program will compensate for disasters which may have caused livestock losses in excess of normal mortality rates. Unlike in the past, a disaster designation is not required. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011. Livestock must have been maintained as part of a commercial farming or ranching operation. Eligible livestock include: alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo and beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep, and swine. LIP payments will be based on individual producers' eligible losses due to adverse weather conditions. Payments will be 75 percent of fair market value of the livestock as determined by the agency. For losses in 2009 and later, new Farm Bill payment limitations apply. Old rules apply to losses in 2008.

Producers experiencing livestock losses due to natural disasters after July 13 must report their losses within 30 days after death is apparent to receive program payments. For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office

WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The local county office is currently being remodeled. We are open our normal hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. We are sorry for the inconvenience as the construction continues. We will do our best to provide you with quality service and carry on the day to day activities to the best of our ability. Please be patient!



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