



NEWSLETTER



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**Klickitat County
Farm Service Agency**

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Next COC Meeting

February 29, 2012 at 9:00am

Dates to Remember

February 20 - Office Closed

March 15 - Nap deadline for
spring Crops

June 1 - DCP/ACRE signup
Deadline

June 30 - Acreage Reporting
Deadline

**The Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)/Average Crop
Revenue Election (ACRE) signup has started!**

The 2012 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)-Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) signup started January 23, 2012. The notable changes for 2012 under these programs include a change in the percentage of base acres on which payment is calculated to 85% (up from 83.3%), and elimination of the advance payment option on direct payments which will now be issued in full during October, 2012. Please call the office to make an appointment to sign up at (509) 773-5822, ext 2.

SURE 2010 Signup Deadline

The deadline for producers to submit applications for 2010 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is **June 1, 2012**. The application and all required documentation must be on file and signed by close of business on that day.

The SURE program provides benefits for crop losses due to eligible weather related disaster conditions affecting crops grown from 2008 through 2011 crop years.

A farmer or rancher is eligible for the program when a disaster designation has been made for their county or when actual production is less than half of the normal established production. Producers who suffer eligible losses must have crop insurance or a Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program policy for all crops of economic significance to be eligible for SURE benefits. Socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers and ranchers are exempt from the insurance linkage requirement.

A fact sheet with more detailed information is available on the FSA website. Maps of disaster designations by county are on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/wa. For more information, contact this office.

FSA has a New Way of Getting the News Out!

Please let all your neighbors know that FSA has changed the way we deliver the county newsletters and we now need their emails!! Please also tell them that the DCP/ACRE signup started and they need call us or stop by and sign up both! Thanks

County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Mary Jean Risheim who was elected to the FSA Klickitat county committee. Mary Jean will represent producers from the central part of the county. This will be her first time on the county committee board. FSA appreciates all of the eligible voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation. The committee members will hold their organizational meeting in February to determine who will serve as the county committee chairperson and vice-chairperson.

Women in Agriculture' Conference - Registration Open

This winter women farmers in Washington State will have the unique opportunity to participate in an agricultural workshop offering inspirational stories, practical advice on how to improve their management skills and networking opportunities with other women entrepreneurs.

The Women in Agriculture conference will be held on Saturday, February 11 and will broadcast two engaging speakers to 16 different locations throughout the state. The new localized format of the conference is designed to let farm women benefit from a statewide conference while still meeting their on-farm duties.

"Women are uniquely tasked with the demands of both farm and family, which can make travel to one state location a challenge," said WSU Douglas County Extension Director and chair of the conference Margaret Viebrock. "This new approach allows us to offer our headline speakers at all locations, while also making the conference specific to each region."

Keynote speakers will be Lyn Garling, owner of Over the Moon Farm, and Rita Emmet, the author of "The Procrastinator's Handbook." Garling, a farmer who got started later in life, will share about being a "woman farmer" today and how her challenges, inspirations and frustrations have contributed to her success. Emmet will be detailing how to "Blast Away Procrastination" in order to be more successful at work, in relationships and in life. Emmet is a fun, persuasive speaker who argues that procrastination is not a character trait, but simply a habit.

Garling and Emmet will be joined by local presenters who will talk about their risks and challenges with farming, including how to stay focused, keep current on market trends, the latest production methods and financial management. **For Klickitat County, our local presenter is Mary Anne Enyeart, a wheat and hay producer!!**

Registration for the conference is \$25 and includes a copy of "The Procrastinator's Handbook", an opportunity to be listed in the conference brochure to increase networking opportunities, and lunch during the event. The deadline to register for the event is January 25 by mail or online. The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the WSU Extension Western Center for Risk Management Education.

Women farmers and producers, supporting spouses and aspiring farmers are encouraged to attend. Agriculture students and farm interns are also welcome to participate.

Website registration is now available online at www.womeninag.wsu.edu. Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may call WSU Extension 509-745-8531. If accommodation is not requested in advance, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation on site. To receive a print brochure in the mail, contact Margaret Viebrock at 509-745-8531 or viebrock@wsu.edu