



# NEWSLETTER



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## February 2011

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### County Committee

Leo Zylstra, Chair  
Vic Boekelman, V-Chair  
Allen Devlin, Member  
Ann Aho, Member  
Christy Kriegsman, Member  
Don Taylor, Alternate

### Office Staff

Martha Dorsey, CED  
Julie Moldenhauer, PT

### Farm Loan Staff

Jon Wilson, FLM  
Jeff Peterson, FLO  
Ruth Wynn, FL PT

### Next COC Meeting

February 22, 2011  
9:30 am

### Web Sites

National:  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)  
WA State  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/wa](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa)

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## FSA County Committee Elections

Congratulations to Christy Kriegsman and Allen Devlin, who will be serving on the County Committee (COC) through 2013.

Christy is representing LAA (Local Administrative Area) 2, in Grays Harbor County. Christy's farm consists of Charolais breeding stock, grass fed beef, lambs, and timber. She has 5 years of dairy experience, is a registered nurse, and is on the Board of Trustees at NOVA School in Olympia WA.

Allen Devlin is serving his second term on the COC for LAA1. Allen has been a cranberry producer for over 20 years and is representing the coastal portions of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties. Allen also has a pump, irrigation and electrical contracting business, of which he has over 35 years of experience.

## 2010 Disaster Designation

A Secretarial Disaster Designation triggers eligibility for Pacific and Grays Harbor County farmers and ranchers to receive federal financial relief for crop losses. The Secretary of Agriculture declared 20 Washington counties natural disaster areas due to multiple devastating weather events starting in April of 2010. The designation allows agricultural producers in these and adjacent counties to request low-interest emergency loans and direct payments under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment (SURE) program.

To maintain eligibility for 2010 SURE, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance of at least the catastrophic level for all crops for the 2010 crop year.

**Note:** Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged", "Limited Resource", or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher" do not have to meet the crop insurance requirement.

**Please note: Supplemental means that there is no additional cost for this program. This is a supplement that is included with your purchased insurance.** For those crops that are non-insurable, coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must have been timely obtained.

SURE payments will be made based on a complex formula that takes into account the difference between guaranteed revenue and the actual revenue made for a farm. Producers will need to show documentation of losses or prevented plantings.

Please contact our office for further information.

## Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Sign Up

Now is the time to come in and sign your contracts for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical program (DCP). Contracts must be prepared annually for this program which provides payments based on historical grain plantings. After contract approval, advances are available at a rate of 22% of the total payment. Final payments will be made after the first of October. Participants are reminded that there are two requirements for this program. Contracts must be signed by June 1 and acreage reports must be filed by June 30. Please make an appointment with us to apply for this program.

## Paper Check Conversion – Over the Counter (PCC – OTC)

Over the next year, FSA/CCC is moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections faster. When producers present checks, either in person or through the mail, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt. Please see the U.S. Department of Treasury legal notices posted in the Service Center or visit the following U.S. Department of Treasury Internet site for detailed information:

<https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

Fiscal Year 2010

Mo.	BCI Price-\$ (16.94)	Pymt Rate- \$ (Before Adjust.)	NAD-FRC-\$ (7.35)	Adjust. Trigger	Final Pymt Rate Adj. for Feed Cost (\$/cwt)
DEC	17.24	0.0000	6.83	16.94	0.00000
Jan	18.28	0.0000	6.95	16.94	0.00000
Feb	18.09	0.0000	6.96	16.94	0.00000
Mar	17.59	0.0000	6.76	16.94	0.00000
Apr	16.47	0.2115	6.68	16.94	0.21150
May	17.05	0.0000	6.90	16.94	0.00000
Jun	18.53	0.0000	6.80	16.94	0.00000
July	18.91	0.0000	6.88	16.94	0.00000
Aug	19.02	0.0000	7.05	16.94	0.00000
Sep	18.75	0.0000	7.44	16.94	0.00000
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Oct	19.83	0.0000	7.71	16.94	0.00000
Nov	20.49	0.0000	8.02	17.64	0.00000
Dec	20.21	0.0000	8.42	18.05	0.00000
Jan	18.45	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Feb	19.14	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD

**Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)**

MILC payments for April 2010 Milk Production were processed in June at a rate of \$0.21150 per hundred weight of production. The rate dropped to zero, and there have not been any more payments as of December 2011.

Current and previous payment rate information is listed here and can also be found on our Washington State FSA website.

**Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings**

Foreign persons with an interest in U.S. agricultural lands are reminded to report holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located. Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land. For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching, or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign. Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

**Signature Authority for Spouses**

Spouses may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office. A spouse may not, however, sign a Power of Attorney on behalf of the spouse, nor may they sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for entities. Spouses must also have Powers of Attorneys on file to sign for claim settlements such as promissory notes.