



NEWSLETTER



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Next COC Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Dates to Remember

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

Sign up:

January 23, 2012 to June 1, 2012

Acreage Reporting:

Deadline – June 30, 2012

SURE Signup Ends:

June 1, 2012

More Information may be found at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

The reporting deadline for all crops, for the 2012 crop year, is June 30, 2012.

Producers are reminded, for disaster/insurance coverage to report any and all losses as they occur.

Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)

MILC payments for February 2012 Milk Production are being processed in April at a rate of \$0.38950 per hundred weight of production. In order to receive payments, producers must have current eligibility paperwork completed. If you have any questions concerning payments, please contact our office.

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

Fiscal Year 2011/12

Mo.	BCI Price-\$ (16.94)	Pymt Rate- \$ (Before Adjust.)	NAD-FRC-\$ (7.35)	Adjust. Trigger	Final Pymt Rate Adj. for Feed Cost (\$/cwt)
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Fiscal Year 2011

Feb	19.14	0.0000	9.43	19.10	0.00000
Mar	21.48	0.0000	9.51	19.19	0.00000
Apr	22.68	0.0000	10.71	20.42	0.00000
May	23.00	0.0000	11.31	21.05	0.00000
Jun	23.57	0.0000	11.26	21.00	0.00000
Jul	24.28	0.0000	11.39	21.13	0.00000
Aug	24.68	0.0000	11.97	21.73	0.00000
Sep	25.03	0.0000	11.45	21.19	0.00000

Fiscal Year 2012

Oct	22.81	0.0000	10.92	20.64	0.00000
Nov	21.70	0.0000	10.94	20.66	0.00000
DEC	21.72	0.0000	10.95	20.67	0.00000
Jan	22.05	0.0000	11.05	20.79	0.00000
Feb	20.28	0.0000	11.40	21.15	0.38950
Mar	19.55	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Apr	18.91	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

Signup is underway for DCP and ends June 1, 2012. Contracts must be prepared annually for this program that provides payments based on historical grain plantings. The program remains the same as last year, except that advance payments will not be offered, and payments will be earned on 85% of your grain base, instead of the 83.3% figure used in previous years. All payments will be made in October of 2012. Producers that apply for this program must file acreage reports by June 30, 2012. You must sign your contract and report your acreage in order to earn payment.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which is part of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), is a tool for landowners to enhance and protect water quality, fish habitat and stream stability through the use of riparian buffers. The program is administered locally through the partnership of the Grays Harbor, Pacific, and Lewis County Conservation Districts and the Twin Harbors – Lewis County FSA Committee.

Our goal for the CREP program is geared towards habitat enhancement for salmon species.

The CREP program provides for:

- stream stabilization
- reduction of sediments
- increasing wildlife habitat
- creating shade that lowers water temperature

The CREP program provides cost-sharing for developing your riparian buffer (for example, installing fences, planting trees, etc.) as well as providing annual payments for every year the practice is enrolled. Please contact our office for more information.

New Adjusted Gross Income Forms

FSA and NRCS program participants, including all members of participating entities, must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements to qualify for benefits. Starting with the 2012 crop year, a new AGI form has been developed that both outlines average AGI and includes the “Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information”. The advantage to you is that you will no longer be responsible for mailing the “Consent” form to the IRS. Forms will be completed and signed by producers and sent to the IRS by the county office. Please remember – new rules with the 2008 Farm Bill require an AGI form to be filled out yearly in order to receive benefits.

Emergency Loan Program

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disaster or quarantine. Emergency loan funds can be used to restore or replace essential property, pay production expenses for the disaster year, pay family living expenses, reorganize the farming operation, and to refinance certain debts.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a 30 percent loss in a single production enterprise, or have physical losses as a result of the disaster. Qualifying applicants may receive up to 100 percent of production of physical losses. Applications must be received within eight months of the county’s disaster or quarantine designation date.

Emergency loans can be made to farmers or ranchers who own or operate land in a county declared by the President as a disaster area or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. They must be established farmers, citizens or permanent residents, be unable to receive credit elsewhere, and have collateral and repayment ability.

Borrowers are required to keep acceptable records, operate in accordance with the farm plan they have developed with FSA officials, obtain crop insurance, and may be required to participate in financial management training. Collateral is required. Producers can borrow up to \$500,000. The term of the loan is based on the repayment ability of the applicant, not to exceed 20 years for production losses or 40 years for losses of real estate.

Accessibility

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in any meeting, event, or function should contact the county office. FSA is committed to making programs accessible to all customers.