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LINCOLN COUNTY FSA NEWS

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Web Sites

National USDA
<http://www.usda.gov>

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<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Washington State FSA
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>

2009 Lincoln Co. Loan Rates

SWW Wheat:	\$3.12/Bu.
HRS and HWS Wheat:	\$3.81/Bu.
HRW and HWW Wheat:	\$2.94/Bu.
Durum Wheat:	\$4.90/Bu.
Barley:	\$2.11/Bu.
Oats:	\$1.30/Bu.
Canola:	\$7.22/Cwt.
Mustard Seed:	\$8.82/Cwt.
Dry Peas:	\$6.12/Cwt.
Small Chickpeas:	\$7.43/Cwt.
Large Chickpeas:	\$11.28/Cwt.

Dates to Remember

Aug. 31: NAP Sales Closing Date-
Fall Planted Crops and
Vegetable Seed Crops;
Crop Insurance Closing
Date – Winter Canola

Sept. 7: Office Closed – Labor Day

Sept. 30: NAP Sales Closing Date-
Hay, Grass Seed, and
Pasture; Crop Insurance
Closing Date - Wheat

Please contact our office regarding
any direct deposit bank account,
and/or farm record changes.



FSA State Executive Director Appointed

Judy Olson of Garfield, Washington has been named the newly appointed State Executive Director (SED) for the Washington State Farm Service Agency. She has served for many years as the Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray. She is a fourth-generation farmer, and has over 25 years of experience working with volunteer producer organizations and on community service activities. She was the first woman to be elected president of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, and is the first woman selected to serve as a Washington State FSA Director. She began her FSA appointment August 3, 2009.

NAP Coverage Provisions

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides disaster coverage for those crops in which Federal Crop Insurance is unavailable. The final date to purchase 2010 NAP disaster coverage for fall planted crops, and vegetable seed crops such as carrots and onions is **August 31, 2009**, while the deadline to buy program disaster coverage on most perennial crops such as forage crops for hay and seed, as well as rangeland and pasture is **September 30, 2009**. Applicable tree fruit, grapes, and berries have a purchase coverage closing date of **November 20, 2009**. Spring planted crops such as small grain forages (wheat, barley, and oats, including annual pea forage) have an ending sales closing date of **March 15, 2010**. The cost for NAP coverage is now \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county, and a \$1,875 fee limit for multiple counties.

Producers with NAP coverage are also reminded that Notice of Loss reports need to be filed within 15 days of the date of weather related disaster events, or when damage to a crop becomes evident. Additionally, if the intention is to not harvest the crop, the County FSA office must be contacted so that a loss adjuster can verify the crop damage prior to its abandonment or destruction. Failure to meet these requirements can compromise NAP coverage, or make claims ineligible for assistance.

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program Linkage

Eligibility for crop disaster benefits for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) that was legislated under the 2008 Farm Bill, is directly linked to the requirement of producers having 2010 crop year NAP coverage on all *non-insurable* crops of economic significance, and Federal Crop Insurance on all *insurable* crops of economic significance. Please note the following crop insurance sales closing dates:

- **August 31, 2009** – Winter Canola
- **September 30, 2009** – Wheat (both winter and spring)

Livestock producers are also reminded that NAP coverage is required on rangeland and other grazing crops to remain eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bee, and Farm-raised Fish Program, established under the 2008 Farm Bill.

Livestock Indemnity Program

Signup for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) began on July 13, for losses to eligible livestock that died due to eligible disaster conditions. The deadline to apply for losses suffered in calendar year 2008 is **September 13, 2009**. Losses for 2009 that occurred *prior* to July 13, 2009 must be filed by September 13, 2009. Losses suffered *after* July 13, 2009 must be filed within 30 days of when the loss is apparent. Losses suffered must be in excess of normal mortality rates as determined by FSA. Eligible disaster conditions include blizzards, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, wildfires, and disease. Payments will be made at 75% of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by FSA. More information can be obtained at the County Office.

2009 Commodity Loans Available

Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans are available on 2009 crop wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, pulse crops, honey, wool and mohair. CCC loans provide producers interim financing while being able to hold crops for sale later in the marketing season. The August 2009 interest rate is 1.50 percent. Producers may obtain loans on grain that is farm stored, or residing in a Federal or State licensed warehouse. Producers may request measurement service from the County FSA Office, or certify to the quantity in the bins by measuring the bins themselves. Warehouse loans may be requested by submitting a negotiable warehouse receipt to the County FSA Office. Finally, please remember that if you are participating in ACRE, the applicable crop's loan rate (see side border of newsletter) is reduced by 30 percent.

CRP Weed Control

Weed control of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract acreage is a big part of the program, and is a very important responsibility of participants. Newly seeded CRP acres are particularly vulnerable to weed infestation, which can become a big problem if unchecked. Controlling weeds at the start can mean the difference between a successful CRP vegetative cover, and one in which the weeds are continually an issue. Participants can receive cost-shares on CRP land for two separate weed control measures such as mowing or chemical spraying within 12 months of planting the contract acres. The consideration of your CRP weed control responsibilities as being a high priority will also make your neighbors happy.

FSA Farm Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency offers farm loan assistance to farmers and ranchers who have the experience and desire to own and operate their own farm or ranch, but who do not yet meet the qualifications to obtain financing from a traditional lender. FSA makes both *direct* and *guaranteed* loans. The current loan limit for a direct loan is \$300,000 and for a guaranteed loan the limit is \$1,094,000.

FSA has a variety of loans, including Farm Ownership, Farm operating, Emergency, and Youth loans. Farmers and ranchers are offered the following:

- Loans delivered in a timely manner.
- Agricultural loans at lower interest rates and longer repayment terms.
- Individualized financial planning and expertise, with loan officers familiar with cash flow lending.
- A wide range of financial products and services to meet your needs.

More can be found out about FSA's lending programs by calling the Spokane County FSA Office at (509) 924-7350, or dropping by the office at 8815 E. Mission Ave; Suite B; Spokane Valley, WA. 99212-2532.

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."

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