



# NEWSLETTER



**September 2012**

**Lincoln County  
Farm Service Agency**

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**Next COC Meeting**

September 19th

**Dates to Remember**

- **August 31** Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on onions and carrots
- **September 30** Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on perennial forage and seed crops
- **November 20** Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on honey and tree fruit.
- **December 15** Deadline to report crop acres for fall planted crops
- Please remember to **TIMELY** inform our office of any Farm Record changes!

**More Information may be found at**

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

## **New AGI Forms Required for 2012 Participants**

FSA and NRCS program participants, including all members of participating entities, must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements to qualify for benefits. Starting for the 2012 crop year, a new AGI form has been developed that both reports whether an applicant or member meets the AGI requirements and authorizes the IRS to confirm that information for FSA.

The new form also reflects an additional AGI limitation applicable only to 2012 direct payments. In addition to the \$500,000 average nonfarm AGI and the \$750,000 average farm AGI limitation, a \$1 million average AGI limitation will be applicable for 2012 direct payments.

New this year, most power-of-attorney authorizations will not work for this form. The form will have to be signed by the participant or entity member themselves. IRS will not accept FSA power-of-attorney forms. These new AGI forms are available from your county office or on the FSA internet site.

We are in the process of mailing out a few more AGI forms for those producers who do not yet have one on file. We very much appreciate your quick return of these forms as we are not able to issue your payments until the applicable AGI form is on file.

### **AGI – 2009, 2010, and 2011**

Producers who receive another letter concerning Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for 2009, 2010, and/or 2011 will need to complete the CCC-931 form enclosed with the letter. The completed form should be returned to the Davenport Service Center mailing address at PO Box 47, rather than the physical address listed. Although you may have completed an AGI form previously, receiving this letter means IRS could not match your AGI form to your tax returns. Please call if you have ANY questions about these letters.

## **2013 Changes to Crop Acreage Reporting Dates**

Implementation of common acreage reporting dates is a major step by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) to reduce the duplication of acreage reporting by producers. Common acreage reporting dates will allow producers to report acreage to either agency for the crop year and either agency will have access to and can retrieve the information necessary for program delivery.

This change does not reduce or modify the programs or services that RMA or FSA provides, but will enable crop insurance agents and FSA office staff to collect information in a more uniform and efficient manner.

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Washington producers will begin to work with these changes beginning with the 2013 crop year. Please consult the table below to determine when your specific crop must be reported.

Crops Planned for 2013 Harvest	Reporting Date
Fall Alfalfa Seed, Fall Barley, Fall Canola, Dry Peas, Onions (planted 8/15-9/15), Fall Wheat, All other Fall-seeded small grains	December 15, 2012
Apples, Grapes	January 15, 2013
Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Barley, Spring Canola, Dry Beans, Dry Peas (planted 3/9-5/25), Green Peas, Mustard, Spring Oats Onions(planted 3/14-4/20), Potatoes, Processing Beans, Spring Wheat	July 15, 2013
All Other Crops not listed above	July 15, 2013

Reporting acreage timely is a requirement for most FSA programs. If harvest or grazing will occur before the established reporting date, producers must report acreage prior to harvest or grazing begins. In addition, crops planted after the established reporting dates can report timely by amending the previous acreage report within 15 days after planting.

## Change of Address or Ownership

Please notify your local FSA office of all deaths, land ownership and address changes as soon as possible so your farm records can be updated timely. Updating records in a timely manner can help ensure all required participants appear on documents requiring signatures and prevent payment delays. A copy of the applicable recorded deed should be provided to complete the land ownership changes.

## Welcome Kile!

The Lincoln County office welcomes Kile Concienne to our staff! Kile was born and raised on a wheat farm and cattle ranch in Northern Montana. She is the oldest of four daughters and spent many hours working on the family farm. She is a graduate of Montana State University with a degree in Accounting and Business Management. She worked her way through college on the MSU Barley Research Farm and Barley Genetics Lab. Upon graduating she worked in the accounting and budget department for the Navy in Keyport, WA, as a civilian employee. She is very excited to be in our Davenport office as she is back among familiar agriculture and much closer to her family. Kile will be in charge of Farm Record changes and Reconstitutions, and is looking forward to meeting all of our producers.

## Upcoming Events

Two events that you may be interested in are approaching and flyers can be picked up at our office. They include the following:

- **Inland NW Small Farmers Conference** September 28 & 29 in Spokane, WA  
For registration information: Spokane Conservation District website [www.sccd.org](http://www.sccd.org) . Questions? Contact Pat Munts: 509-477-2173 [pmunts@spokanecounty.org](mailto:pmunts@spokanecounty.org)
- **Value-added Workshop/Roundtable Series** Tuesday, Oct.23, 9:00am – 3:30pm; through Nov.13.  
Register now at: <http://fall2012valueaddedseries.eventbrite.com>