



# North Puget Sound Area's Farm Service Agency

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### Dates to Remember

7/23- COC mtg/ Port Angeles  
8/3- COC nominations postmarked  
8/14- DCP signup ends  
Acreage reporting deadline  
8/31- NAP signup ends for fall  
planted crops  
9/1- 2009 nursery crop signup  
deadline  
9/7- Labor Day/Office Closed  
9/24- COC mtg/Lake Stevens  
9/30- Sales closing date for Wheat and  
Forage for grazing or production  
(including seed)

### 2009 County Committee:

Meetings scheduled for Thursday of 3rd  
full week each month at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk Salvatore	Chair
Kjell Stangeland	V Chair
Troy Smith	Member
Jason Roetcisoender	Member
Andy Werkhoven	Member
Fong Cha	Advisor
Linda Neunzig	Advisor

### Websites:

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



## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

2009 elections will be held in Local Administrative Area's (LAA's) **1 and 5**. **LAA 1** encompasses **North Snohomish County**, from the Skagit County line west to east, and encompassing the communities of Stanwood, Silvana, Tulalip, Arlington, Marysville, Lake Stevens, Darrington, and Granite Falls.

**LAA 5** is comprised of **Jefferson County** in its entirety.



Nominees must:

- be a producer in a farming or ranching operation,
- be participate or cooperate in an FSA program, even if not currently applying for or receiving benefits
- be of legal voting age, or supervise and conduct farming operations on an entire farm
- be eligible to vote as an individual in the LAA for which they are a candidate
- be a US citizen

Nominating Petitions (form FSA-669A) are available at the county office, and **must be postmarked by August 3, 2009**.



## CROP CERTIFICATION

The deadline to report crops is the earlier of **15 days prior to harvest, but not later than August 14, 2009**. Producers participating in CRP/CREP, DCP, and NAP must report crops annually. Those persons in the Loan or Loan Deficiency Program (LDP) must also report crops to maintain eligibility for program payments.



## 2009 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGN-UP IS UNDERWAY

Signup for the 2009 program will continue through **August 14, 2009**. There are no late filed provisions. Farms with 10.0 acres or less of base will no longer earn a payment unless at least 50% owned by **Limited Resource** (gross farm sales of not more than \$100,000 in the previous 2 years **and** household income of less than 50% of the county median household income) or **Socially Disadvantaged** (groups whose members have been subject to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice without regard to individual qualities).

A 22% advance on the direct payment is available upon contract approval, with the balance of the payment issued after October 1, 2009.

Direct payments are issued regardless of market prices, at the following rates:

Wheat \$0.52/bu      Barley \$0.24/bu      Oats \$0.024/bu      Corn \$0.28/bu

Counter-cyclical payments will **not** be issued for 2008 Wheat, Barley, or Oats due to the effective prices exceeding their respective target prices. Call (425) 334-3131 ext 2 for additional information.



## NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

**August 31 2009** is the application closing date for the following **2010 crops**:

Canola, Fall Planted Vegetable Seed Crops, all Value Loss Crops (includes aquaculture, Christmas trees, turfgrass sod, and floriculture).

**September 1, 2009** is the **2010 nursery crop** application closing date, with coverage retroactive from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. A **change** is in store for **2011 and subsequent years**: coverage must be purchased by **May 1 each year** (instead of the old closing date of August 31).

**September 30, 2009** is the application closing date for Wheat and forage crops for grazing and production.

Rates for enrollment are as follows:

**\$250 per crop** to a maximum of **\$750 per administrative county**

**\$1875 maximum per producer** for all crops in all counties

Producers must also have coverage under NAP or Federal Crop Insurance administered by Risk Management Agency (RMA), to qualify for Disaster Program benefits.

**All potential damage or loss due to weather related conditions must be reported to the County Office no later than 15 days** from the date of the occurrence or when the damage or loss becomes apparent.

When producers of **hand harvested** crops have filed a **notice of loss**, they are **required to notify** the county office **within 15 days after harvest** is complete and **before destruction of the crop** so an appraisal of remaining production can be completed.

Program participants are required to submit complete and accurate production no later than June 30 of the year following the year of harvest, and retain production evidence for 3 crop years after the year certified.



## DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** is an ongoing program established in the 2008 Farm Bill that compensates producers for loss of livestock in excess of normal mortality rates due to adverse weather including flood, disease, wildfire, and extreme heat and cold, and a disaster designation is not required for implementation. Eligible losses must have occurred between January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011.

The FSA has announced a signup period for the **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** from **July 13, 2009 through September 13, 2009** for losses occurring on or after **January 1, 2008 through July 12, 2009**.

Notices of loss occurring between **July 13 and December 31, 2009** must be submitted within **30 days after the death is apparent**.

Eligible livestock include commercially farmed Dairy and Beef cattle, Buffalo & Beefalo, Equine, Deer, Elk, & Reindeer, Sheep, Alpacas, Emus & Llamas, Swine, Goats, and Poultry.

LIP payments will be based on individual producers' eligible losses due to adverse weather conditions. Payments will be **75 percent of fair market value of the livestock as determined by the agency**. As required by the 2008 Farm Bill, adjusted gross income limits apply. Program beneficiaries must not exceed \$500,000 in non-farm average adjusted gross income.



  
*Farewell Naomi!*

Please join us in wishing Naomi a fond farewell! The end of July will mark Naomi's 'semi-permanent part time' appointment. Naomi has decided to 'retire' from FSA and enjoy more time with husband Jim. She says she'll come back occasionally to help, but once she's actually gone, she might just change her mind and who could blame her! Naomi, you will truly be missed!



**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** will be provided upon request for those persons with physical handicap, or vision or hearing impairment. Please contact Travis Martin at 425-334-3131 ext 104 for assistance.