



North Puget Sound Area's Farm Service Agency

Snohomish/N King - Clallam/Jefferson Counties
528 91st Ave NE Ste B Lake Stevens WA 98258-2538
Ph (425) 334-3131 ext 2 Fax (425) 335-5024
August/September, 2009

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 crop insurance application closing date for wheat and forage crops for grazing and production.

Rates for enrollment are as follows:

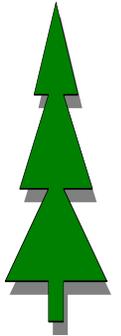
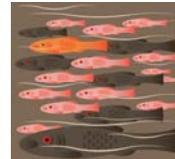
\$250 per crop to a maximum of **\$750 per administrative county**, **\$1,875 maximum per producer** for all crops in all counties.

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 file 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 evidence 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; a disaster designation is not required for implementation. Eligible losses must have occurred between January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011.

The FSA is currently conducting a signup for the **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** which will run **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 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.



MILK INCOME LOSS CONTRACT (MILC) PROGRAM

The MILC Program was authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, and will run continuously through September 2012. The **Extended signup** phase began **January 22, 2009**, and continues through September 30, 2012.

Changes to the MILC production start month must be made **on or before the 14th of the month prior to the month a payment is requested**. Once a payment is earned, the start month for that Fiscal Year cannot be changed, but can be changed for a subsequent FY. Producers can choose a start month for each FY of the program when they submit the CCC-580. Call (425) 334-3131 ext 2 for additional information, and to schedule an appointment.

Office Staff

Travis E Martin, CED
Holly Hedblom, PT
Naomi Devlin, PT (Wednesday's)

Farm Loan Staff

Mark Turner (360) 354-5658 ext 2

Office Hours

Weekdays/ 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

E-mail us at:

travis.martin@wa.usda.gov
holly.hedblom@wa.usda.gov
naomi.devlin@wa.usda.gov

Dates to Remember

- 8/31- NAP signup ends for fall planted crops
- 9/1- Nap Signup ends for 2009 nursery crop
- 9/7- Labor Day/Office Closed
- 9/13- LIP signup deadline for 1/1/08 thru 7/12/09
- 9/24- COC mtg/Lake Stevens
- 9/30- Crop insurance 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>



Beefalo, Equine, Deer, Elk, & Reindeer, Sheep, Alpacas, Emus & Llamas, Swine, Goats, and Poultry.

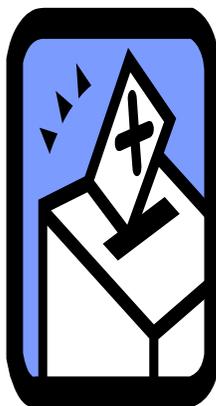
COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

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. This years' candidates include:

Mary A Morcom

Mary has been raising Red Angus and Jersey cattle with her daughters in the Arlington area for 10 years. Her grandfather was a local crop farmer and her mother raised Guernsey cattle. She is part of a 2nd generation 4-H family that shows cattle at regional fairs and other events. She has raised horses but specializes in 4-H and FFA show steers. Mary is an active leader in 4-H as well as the NW Red Angus Association. She is on the Silvana Fair Board and serves as the Beef Superintendent.



Rick Williams

Rick is a fourth generation farmer in the Stillaguamish Valley at Stanwood. His family farm specializes in vegetable seed crops, perennial rye grass seed, wheat, green peas, red potatoes, and corn. Rick has been involved with and served as a board member on several local agriculture organizations including Skagit Farmers, Stillaguamish Flood District, and his Local Drainage District. Rick is also currently a Board Member for the Farm Bureau. Rick hopes to eventually pass the diverse farm to his children to continue on in the family farming lifestyle and tradition.

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

John Gunning

John is a second generation Chimacum farmer. His father started growing produce in the 30's and sold their products at Pike Place Market in Seattle. In the early 70's, John came back to farming after following other career paths. In 1989 his farm earned organic certification, producing Garlic, Potatoes, and a variety of other vegetables. John started a Natural Food store in Hadlock, where many of his homegrown products were sold. Today, John has built large greenhouses in which he produces 30,000-40,000 lbs of 15 different varieties of organic potatoes. He plans on expanding his crop varieties to include organic mixed vegetables. John has been active as a Grange member, and as a board member for the Port Townsend Farmer's Market. He has also helped establish gardening projects for local schools.

Ballots (FSA-669B) will be mailed to all eligible voters on **November 6, 2009** and **must be returned** to the County Office or **postmarked** no later than **December 7, 2009**. Write-ins are welcome. Anyone that believes they should receive a ballot and does not should immediately contact the county office.



WASHINGTON STATE FSA WELCOMES NEW STATE DIRECTOR

Judy Olson has accepted an appointment by the Obama Administration to assume US Dept of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency position of Executive Director for Washington State. As the State Executive Director, she will oversee the agency that administers federal farm programs including price support, conservation, disaster assistance and loans.

For the past 12 years, Judy has served as Senator Murray's Eastern Washington Director and agricultural expert. As a fourth generation farmer and a native of Eastern Washington, she has a lifetime of experience as wife, mother and partner in a dry land farming operation raising wheat, barley, lentils, and canola in Whitman County. Judy was elected and served as President of the Washington and National Association's of Wheat Growers.

