



NEWSLETTER



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Dates to Remember

Anytime - Winter Crop Reporting
Call for appointments
1/19 - COC mtg/10:00 am LS SC
1/23 - DCP signup begins
3/15 - NAP signup ends -
spring planted crops
6/01 - 2010 SURE signup ends

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



COC ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN THE BOOK!

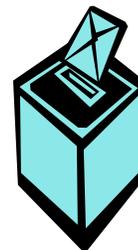
Elections were held for North King and Clallam County Local Administrative Area's (LAA's), on Dec 8th 2011. The 3 year term begins in January. Results are as follows:

North King County – Bobbi Lindemulder

Bobbi lives in Duvall where she raises grass fed beef with her husband, Chuck. She has been a lifelong farmer and will be an asset to the committee. Bobbi replaces Jason Roetcisoender who served six years on the committee. Welcome Bobbi!

Clallam County – Troy Smith

Troy Smith lives in Sequim where he owns and operates a dairy farm with his brother Ben. Troy has been a lifelong farmer, raising seed crops as well as feed crops for the dairy. We welcome Troy back for his 3rd term.



DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP BEGINS

Signup for the final year of the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program begins on **Monday January 23rd, 2012**. There are **no advance payments** available in 2012, but all other rules and regulations apply. Those persons that operate a farm with **10 acres of base or less** can enroll the farm **if the farm is owned by at least 50% socially disadvantaged or limited resource producers**. The payment rate for 2012 is calculated by multiplying 85% x commodity's base acres x the payment rate. Rates for eligible crops follow: **Wheat**: \$0.52/bu; **Corn**: \$0.28/bu; **Barley**: \$0.24/bu; **Oats**: \$0.024/bu. Final payments will be issued after October 1, 2012. Payment limitation remains at \$40,000 for each producer with a direct or indirect interest in payments from all farms enrolled in DCP and/or ACRE. Payments from farms enrolled in ACRE will reflect a 20% reduction.

NONISURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

FSA's NAP coverage insures producers against catastrophic crop losses of more than 50% due to adverse weather events. Earned payments are paid at 55% of the average market price for each crop and your approved yield.

To be eligible for 2012 coverage, **spring planted crops** including certain vegetable seed crops (beets, spinach), annually tilled crops including but not limited to corn for silage and barley, and produce, such as sweet corn, pumpkins, and cucumbers **must** be enrolled in NAP by **Thursday, March 15**.

The nonrefundable administrative cost is **\$250 per crop** to a maximum of **\$750 for all crops in one administrative area**; or for multi-county producers, up to a maximum of **\$1875** for all crops grown in all counties. Coverage begins 30 days after the application is filed or after the crop is planted, whichever is later. **NAP** is available only for crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance policies provided by private insurance agents.

Call the office at **(425) 334-3131 ext 2** for more information or to enroll.

2010 SURE PROGRAM SIGNUP UNDERWAY

Signup for the 2010 Supplemental Revenue Assurance Program (SURE) began on November 14, 2011 and will continue through Friday, June 1, 2012. SURE is available to eligible producers on:

- farms in counties with Secretarial disaster declarations, including contiguous counties, that incurred at least a 10 percent crop production or quality loss, or both, on all crops grown by a producer nationwide, **except** grazed crops
- farms for the crop year 2010: the actual production on the farm due to disaster-related conditions, was 50 percent or less than normal expected production for the farm

Program participants are required to have all crops on all farms covered by either RMA insurance or FSA's NAP, unless a crop is considered de minimus, or expected to yield 5% or less of a farms' income.

Contact Melissa at 425-334-3131 ext 104 or melissa.michael@wa.usda.gov for more program information or to enroll.

CROP REPORTING



Crop reports are a required component of most FSA programs including CRP, DCP, NAP, and SURE. CRP participants are required to report only those acres enrolled in CRP. NAP participants are required to report only those acres covered by NAP. However, those participants enrolled in DCP and SURE must report all cropland acres on the farm.

For those producers who grow only grass for hay, silage, or grazing, crop reporting can be completed any time between October 1 and the following June 30 crop reporting deadline of each year. Why not beat the rush this year?! Give us a call at 425-334-3131 ext 2 to schedule an appointment.

NO MORE PAPER NEWSLETTERS

FSA is moving down the electronic information highway! USDA's Farm Service Agency is moving toward a paperless operation. It is recommended that producers enroll in the new GovDelivery system which will provide notices, newsletters and electronic reminders via email or text messages instead of a hard copy through the mail.



FSA, like many other agencies and organizations, is trying to work smarter, do as much as always with less resources, and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars.

County Committee ballots and other personal first class mailings will continue to be mailed.

Interested producers may subscribe to receive e-mail or text updates by going to the USDA GovDelivery sign-up page found under the "Stay Connected" area on our state website at www.fsa.usda.gov/wa/. In addition, to forego receiving bulk newsletter mailings, you will need to complete form AD-2047, by marking a 'no' in box 4 of Part A. This will save taxpayer money on paper and postage, and allow you to receive information on a more regular basis. We have very limited funds for paper newsletters and email is the best way for you to receive program updates. **Form AD-2047 can be completed and mailed, faxed, scanned or emailed. Please contact the county office at 425-334-3131, ext 100 for more information. Contact us today....and tell all your friends!**



Happy Holidays
North Puget Sound Area
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