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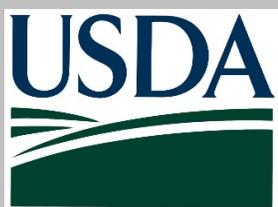
Next COC Meeting

March 13, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.
Regular Business

FSA/USDA National Website:

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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

The 2007 County Committee elections are complete. James Ryan in Spokane County and Charlotte Yergens in Pend Oreille County received the most votes. Each will serve a 3-year term. Thank you to all who took time to vote.

STATUS OF THE NEW FARM BILL

As of this date we have no new information concerning a new farm bill. This may change in mid March because of legal requirements set forth in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (FSRIA). The law states if a new farm bill is not enacted into law, or if FSRIA is not extended by March 15, 2008 then, the farm bill reverts back to the 1938 Agriculture Adjustment Act and the 1949 Agriculture Act. We will keep you updated as soon as we know what is passed for a 2008 farm program.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR 2007 COMMODITY LOANS

March 31, 2008 is the final date to request a 2007 Price Support Commodity Loan or Loan Deficiency Payment for wheat, barley, oats, honey and canola. May 31, 2008 is the deadline for corn, dry peas, lentils, mustard and small chickpeas.

2008 CROP YEAR WOOL, MOHAIR AND UNSHORN PELTS

Marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments are being accepted for 2008 crop wool, mohair, and unshorn pelts. Producers must have beneficial interest (title, control, & risk) in the commodity. March 15 is the last day these applications can be accepted. Please contact our office if you have questions.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SIGN UP RESUMES

Eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 may apply to receive benefits under the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program III, beginning March 5 and ending May 5.

Production losses must be the result of a natural disaster occurring between 1/1/2005 and 12/31/2007. The dairy operation must be in an eligible disaster designated county. If you believe you might qualify please contact our office for assistance.

MARCH 17, 2008 INSURANCE DEADLINE

March 17, 2008 is the deadline for numerous spring seeded crops for Federal Crop Insurance. Please check with your local crop insurance agent if you have questions concerning your insurance needs.

March 17, 2008 is also the deadline for **NAP** coverage on spring seeded crops, small grain forage, mustard and summer planted buckwheat. The cost is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP) SIGNUP CONTINUES

Signup for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) is currently in progress. We are accepting applications for losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 and 2007. **Please note that all crop year 2007 crops are now eligible to apply.** Producers who incurred qualifying losses must choose only one year to receive benefits. Producers can apply for multiple years and the computer will choose the year which pays the most benefits.

Only those producers who purchased Federal Crop Insurance or purchased coverage for crops under the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) are eligible to apply for 2005, 2006 or 2007 CDP benefits. This is a requirement established by Congress when they approved Public Law 110-28.

CDP covers losses to quality and quantity. We are accepting applications for quantity losses at this time. Signup for quality losses will be at a later date. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35% to be eligible for payment. The 35% loss threshold is determined from the higher of the producer's individual Actual Production History (APH) or the county average yield whichever is higher. The payment rate for eligible losses is 42% of the established price. Assistance, together with any crop insurance indemnity payment or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production, must not exceed 95% of the value of the crop if there had not been a disaster. The maximum payment limitation for CDP is \$80,000 per person. Please call for an appointment to apply for the CDP program. Scheduling an appointment allows our staff to have records pulled and do some research prior to your arrival for your appointment. In most situations, you do not need to bring production records unless if you have not turned them into crop insurance. Most of the records have already been received from Risk Management Agency (RMA) for producers who collected indemnity payment from crop insurance.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM SIGNUP CONTINUES

Eligible years for application(s) are 2005 and 2007 for Spokane County and 2007 for Pend Oreille County Producers

After further review of disaster declarations for calendar year 2005 it was determined that Pend Oreille County was not eligible because it was not contiguous to a declared county. We erred when we wrote in the last newsletter that Pend Oreille County was eligible for 2005. We are sorry for this error. Pend Oreille County producers are only eligible for crop year 2007 losses.

Signup for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) is in progress. Livestock producers who suffered losses from natural disasters may be eligible for payment based on their feed loss and/or livestock numbers. The major disaster condition that qualifies producers is the 2005 and/or 2007 drought. The beginning of the disaster period has been determined to be January 1, 2005 for 2005 and January 1, 2007 for 2007. Producers must apply in the county where FSA records are kept. Eligible livestock must have been in the county on the beginning date of the disaster (in this case January 1, 2005 or January 1, 2007). When applying for the program, producers need to provide their livestock numbers as of January 1, 2005, or January 1, 2007, their rangeland pasture acreage and cost of any additional feed that was purchased due to the disaster condition. Please call Kay for an appointment to signup for the 2005 or 2007 Livestock Compensation Program.

COUNTY OFFICE CONTINUES SENDING OUT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

As discussed in the last newsletter the office staff is sending out "new" aerial photographs with the updated Crop Land Unit (CLU) information for your farm(s) and tract(s). As you might expect, this is a very large task and we are still working on this task. We started with farms that are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and then will process producers participating in the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP). If you have not received your maps we are still working on them and have a long ways to go before we are done. Please be patient, we will get all the producers who participate in programs completed.