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## Spokane-Pend Oreille COUNTY FSA

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#### Office Hours

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#### Next COC Meeting

**September 18, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. Regular Business**

FSA/USDA National Website:

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/>

Washington State FSA Site  
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>

#### Important Deadlines:

##### September 16

2008 CAT & NAP Buy-in Insurance Deadline

##### September 30

2008 DCP Sign up deadline  
2009 Sales Closing date for Wheat Federal Crop Insurance

##### October 15

Deadline for returning 2008 DCP contract signatures



### 2008 DCP Signup Deadline is September 30

The deadline for initiating a 2008 DCP contract on form CCC-509 is mandated by law to be September 30, 2008. This means either the owner or the operator of the farm must have a signature on the DCP contract on file in the county office by Tuesday, September 30. Those producers receiving a share on the contract have until October 15 to return their signatures to be considered for approval. If a producer with a share greater than zero returns their signature after the October 15 deadline the DCP contract will not be approved or paid for 2008. We realize that you are busy but feel it is important that you are aware of the deadlines and the dates for this program.

### Disaster Program Changes and Deadlines

The 2008 Farm Bill created new disaster assistance programs, made others permanent, and made changes to current programs. Most importantly, Congress tied all disaster assistance eligibility to producers obtaining a minimum CAT level of crop insurance or NAP coverage for uninsurable crops for all crops on all of a producer's farms. Producers will be able to apply for the new disaster programs to cover 2008 crops even though application for coverage dates have passed for crop insurance and NAP. A one-time waiver allows you to purchase buy-in CAT or NAP by September 16. This will only enable you to meet the requirement for the new disaster programs and will not provide you with crop insurance or NAP coverage if you did not meet the original application deadline.

New programs include: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP). A fifth new disaster program, the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) is exempt from the crop insurance/NAP requirement. All programs cover losses due to natural disasters only.

SURE covers crop losses on the whole farm when the county receives a disaster designation or losses exceed 50% of the farm's total production. Payments are made on 60% of the difference between the SURE guarantee and total farm revenue. LFP provides a payment to ranchers who suffer losses due to drought or fire. TAP provides compensation to orchardists and nursery producers to replant trees and vines. ELAP addresses unique disasters not covered by any other program. LIP provides payment for loss of livestock.

For 2008 there is a buy-in fee for CAT level crop insurance and NAP coverage. The fee is \$100 per crop with a maximum of \$300 per administrative county and a \$900 maximum for multiple counties. CAT and NAP fees are treated separately and the maximums apply separately to each type of coverage. Producers are credited for any crop insurance or NAP coverage previously paid for 2008 crops. Fees are waived for limited resource, socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers. Let the FSA staff know if you think this applies to you when signing up for the programs.

FSA is handling the signup and application for both CAT and NAP for the 2008 crop buy-in waiver. For 2009 crops, standard crop insurance and NAP deadlines and purchase rules are in effect. Contact the office for more information.

### 2009 Federal Crop Insurance and NAP Sales Closing Dates

September 30 is the deadline for purchasing wheat (both fall seeded and spring seeded) and barley (fall seeded) Federal Crop Insurance. For NAP August 31 is the deadline for all value loss crops, Christmas trees and ornamental nursery. September 30 is the deadline for perennial forage crops, forage seed crops and

forage grazing crops. November 20 is the deadline for perennial fruit crops, berries and honey. The administrative service fee for each 2009 NAP crop insured has changed to \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per administrative county. If you have interests in multiple counties the maximum NAP fee is \$1875. As stated above you must insure all your insurable crops plus all the non-insurable crops to be eligible for SURE in 2009. Because some of the NAP sales closing dates have already passed the administration has authorized an extension of the sales closing date to December 1, 2008. If you purchase NAP insurance after the original sales closing date but before December 1 your insurance policy will take affect 30 days after the date of purchasing the insurance. It would be wise to purchase NAP insurance as soon as possible so that fall weather conditions are covered. If you wait until December 1 to buy your insurance your coverage will not begin until January 1, 2009. Insurable crops such as wheat, barley, peas, lentils, oats, canola and some apples have to be purchased from a private insurance agent that sells Multiple Peril Federal Crop Insurance. Agents can be found by going into the Risk Management website and selecting "locate an agent" on the website.

### **Commodity Loans Available**

As in the past commodity loans are available on harvested grain. Both farm stored and warehouse stored loans are available. The following loan rates are in effect for 2008 grain stored in Spokane County: Wheat \$2.60/bu, Barley \$2.10/bu (\$87.51/ton), Oats \$1.26/bu (\$78.75/ton), Dry Peas \$6.58/cwt and Lentils \$14.23/cwt. The cost of a farm or warehouse stored loan is \$45 for the 1<sup>st</sup> receipt or bin and \$3 per each additional receipt or bin or 1/2 of 1 percent times the gross loan amount. Loans mature 9 months after the month in which the loan is taken out. Loans are normally repaid at principal plus interest. The September interest rate is 3.250%.

### **Late File Acreage Reports**

Did you miss the August 15 deadline for reporting your crop acreage for 2008? If you did you can pay a fee to have your crop acreage verified for reporting purposes. A late filed acreage report can be submitted as well as a check for the cost of visiting the field to bring the farm back into compliance. If you have this situation please contact the county office to get the late filed acreage report process started.

### **Filing Notices of Loss for NAP**

If you have a 2008 NAP policy and you harvested reduced yields you should inform our office of the reduced yield by filing a notice of loss. This should be filed within 15 days from when you completed harvest or 72 hours after a specific weather event that causes damage. Failure to file a timely notice of loss will result in your application for loss being denied by the County Committee. Avoid this by filing a timely filed notice of loss!

### **Important Dates to Remember**

<b>September 16</b>	2008 CAT & NAP Buy-In Insurance Deadline, Purchase from FSA Offices
<b>September 30</b>	Enrollment deadline for 2008 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Contract (DCP).
<b>September 30</b>	2009 Sales Closing date for Multi-peril Crop Insurance for Wheat and fall seeded Barley, as well as 2009 NAP fall seeded perennial forage crops for seed, hay, or grazing. This is bluegrass; all hay crops and all grazing acres.
<b>October 15</b>	Deadline for returning 2008 DCP contract signatures for approval
<b>November 20</b>	2009 NAP for perennial tree fruits