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# Spokane-Pend Oreille COUNTY FSA

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**Pend Oreille County Producers for which 447 is a local call can dial 447-4216 for a toll free call.**

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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### Next COC Meeting

May 20, 2010 @ 9:00 a.m.

FSA/USDA National Website:

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

Washington State FSA Site

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

### Important Deadlines:

**June 1** - DCP and ACRE sign-up deadline.

**July 15** - ACRE production deadline

**June 30** - Acreage Reporting deadline

May 31, Commodity Loan Deadline

### Office Closures:

May 31, Memorial Day



## 2010 DCP / ACRE SIGNUP DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2010

**The deadline for 2010 signup is June 1, 2010** and there are no late filing provisions. **Please note that this is a change from the previous farm bill and all signatures must be in our office by June 1, 2010 to be considered for an approved contract.** We are currently taking appointments for 2010 DCP / ACRE signup. Advance direct payments can be issued at 22%. Both DCP and DCP/ACRE farms are eligible for advance payments. Wild rice and fruits and vegetables, with certain exceptions, are restricted on DCP acreage. The 2008 Act changed the status of large and small chickpeas (garbanzo beans) from vegetable crops to covered commodities. Please remember that once you have enrolled in ACRE the farm is enrolled for the remainder of the farm bill (2012). ACRE enrollment reduces the direct payment by 20% and price support loan rates by 30% for those farms enrolled. **2010 Direct payment rates are as follows: Wheat \$0.52/bu, Barley \$0.24/bu, Oats \$0.024/bu, Corn \$0.28/bu and Oilseeds \$0.80/cwt.**

## DEADLINE FOR 2010 ACRE SIGN-UP

The 2010 deadline for signing up a new farm for ACRE under the Direct or Counter Cyclical Program is June 1, 2010. This sign up is a multiple step process and needs to be initiated prior to June 1. Operators who want to participate are required to get all owners to sign the ACRE enrollment election and return this form then a 2010 DCP/ACRE contract will be ran to get signatures for approval. If a farm is already signed up in the 2010 DCP program any advance payments issued for 2010 will need to be refunded and then new advances will be issued. Spokane County had approximately 385 farms sign up in 2009 and it is anticipated that 2009 farms will earn ACRE payments large enough to off-set the 20% DCP reduction for the entire 4 years. Look closely at this program if you are planting wheat in 2010 and your farm is not participating.

**The 2009 State wheat yield has been announced to be 54.9 bushels for wheat and 64 bushels for barley.** The remaining crops have not been announced nor has the national average price. This means that wheat and possibly barley will trigger for ACRE payments.

## CROP ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE IS JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>

The deadline for reporting your 2010 crops is June 30, 2010. Reporting is required if you are participating in the Direct or Counter Cyclical Program/ ACRE, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) and is a good method of establishing history of plantings for future program use. Please call for an appointment to complete this requirement.

## FARM RECORD CHANGES

If the farm operator or farm ownership has changed please let our office know of this change prior to requesting benefits or signing up for program participation. The deadline for requesting a reconstitution of farm records is August 1, 2010. If you have a farm that is participating in the DCP or DCP/ACRE program you should request this reconstitution prior to the final deadline to give us time to complete your records change. Make sure you either have a signed reconstitution request or an approved DCP or DCP / ACRE contract prior to June 1, 2010 to remain eligible and maintain your up to date records.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM (SURE) SIGN UP CONTINUES

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) is underway. This signup period is for those who suffered at least a 10% crop production loss for a single crop during crop year 2008. Our office does not have a list of producers who purchased insurance so owners and operators need to call our office and have us run

an interim report to see if you purchased the required insurance to be eligible.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage

on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. **Producers can meet the risk management purchase requirement with either a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops.** For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage. If there is no Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide. For more information on the new SURE program, please visit the county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

### **2009 ACRE PROGRAM PROVEN YIELD REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE**

Farms participating in the 2009 ACRE program are required to provide the farms 2009 production for those program crops planted. Providing a farms prior year history (crop years 2004 – 2008) is optional but if no history is provided a county benchmark yield will be established for the farm. This yield establishes the farm benchmark that will be used to determine if the farm trigger is met or not met. The deadline for filing 2009 and/or previous years' yields is July 15, 2010.

### **FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS EXPANDS TO NEW STORAGE STRUCTURES**

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 expanded the eligible crops covered under the Farm Stored Facility Loan (FSFL) program. The new provisions expand coverage for fruits and vegetable cold storage facilities and hay and renewable biomass storage facilities. Other changes include adding to the 7 year term with additional terms of 10 or 12 years and adding authorization to receive 1 partial payment prior to completion. As the term of the loan increases the interest rate increases. Currently, the interest rates for the month of April are 3.125 percent to 4.000 percent. The maximum amount of a FSFL loan was increased to \$500,000. The size of the storage facility is calculated as two times the farms normal production, less any existing storage. Producers are required to submit an application with a \$100 non-refundable application fee as well as a current balance sheet and financial data to show that the farm can generate enough income to repay the yearly payment plus come up with the required 15% down payment. Loans issued for less than \$50,000 require a lien to be filed on the structure. Loans over \$50,000 require a mortgage on the parcel the facility is located on. If you have any questions concerning the new loan provisions or the expanded commodity provisions please give us a call. The office staff requires 15 days to work-up new loans prior to being presented to the County Committee for approval so plan ahead.

### **IRS CONSENT FORM REQUIREMENT ANNOUNCED**

USDA and IRS have reached an agreement on how USDA will verify a producers' Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) certification filed for 2009 and/or 2010 on form CCC-926. The 2008 Farm Bill reduced the amount of adjusted gross income a person can earn and still be eligible for program benefits. The law also requires that FSA and NRCS verify compliance of a persons' certification. Based on this agreement, forms CCC-927 and CCC-928 were developed. The forms are titled 2009 and/or 2010 Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information for an individual or an entity. This form is being provided by our office to producers when they sign up but was not available for those producers that signed up early. We have provided this form to all producers that signed up after January 15, 2010. If you signed your farm(s) up prior to that date and don't remember getting this form please contact our office. This IRS Verification form is sent to IRS not our office so we don't know who has sent one in or not. This form provides IRS the authority to compare your 2009 or 2010 tax filing to determine compliance with your AGI certification. USDA will only be notified if you don't submit the form or your AGI is in question.

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