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DIRECT AND COUNTERCYCLICAL & ACRE PROGRAM SIGN UP

The final sign up deadline for the Direct and Counter Cyclical program (DCP) or the Acreage Crop Revenue Election program (ACRE) has been extended until August 14, 2009. At this time, most of our farms have completed sign up. A few contracts are still out for owner signatures. These contracts need to be completed and returned by the date above.

ACREAGE REPORTING DATE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 14

The final acreage reporting date has been extended until August 14, 2009 as well. If you have not completed your acreage report, please contact the office for an appointment. Acreage reporting is required for participation in nearly all of the programs administered by FSA.

ANNUAL PAYMENT LIMITATION NOTICE

A number of significant revisions were made to Payment Limitation (PL) rules as a result of the 2008 Farm Bill. Payments for all new contracts and programs approved after this passage date, are now "directly attributed" to the natural person(s) ultimately responsible for payment shares. For example, in a corporation, with two 50% members, each individual stock holder is "attributed" their share of the corporation's program earnings, and the total of all payments "attributed" cannot be in excess of the payment limitation for the applicable program. However, CRP contracts approved prior to October 1, 2008 are covered under the previous PL rules, and eligibility for those payments continues to be governed by the filing of form CCC-502.

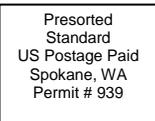
Payment limitations for programs are as follows:

Counter-Cyclical and ACRE \$65,000; Noninsured Assistance Program \$100,000; Direct Payment under DCP and ACRE \$40,000; EQIP (2009-2012) \$300,000; CRP \$50,000; Disaster, including SURE, ELAP, LFP, LIP \$100,000.

Actively engaged determinations are still required to participate in most programs requiring a contribution of a combination of land/capital or equipment to meet "left hand" and labor and/or management to meet "right hand" contributions. Landowner exception still applies to producers share renting their land, making them actively engaged on share rented land without further contribution needed. A tenant cash-renting land must meet cash-rent tenant eligibility by providing either active personal labor, or a combination of management and equipment to be actively engaged on cash-rented land. Foreign person rules are applicable and limit the eligibility of foreign persons to receive benefits under many of the programs administered through FSA. No program benefits subject to limit can be provided until all required forms are provided, and determinations are completed.

FSA STATE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Judy Olson has been named as the newly appointed State Executive Director (SED) for the Washington State Farm Service Agency. She has served for many years as the Eastern Washington Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray. She is a fourth-generation farmer and has over 25 years of experience working with volunteer producer



organizations and on community service activities. She was the first woman to be elected president of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers and is the first woman selected to serve as a Washington State FSA Director. It is anticipated that she will begin her appointment in early August.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

Sign up for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) began on July 13 for losses to eligible livestock that died due to eligible disaster conditions. The deadline to apply for losses suffered in calendar year 2008 is September 13, 2009. Losses for 2009 that occurred prior to July 13, 2009, must be filed by September 13, 2009. Losses suffered after July 13, 2009 must be filed within 30 days of when the loss is apparent. Losses suffered must be in excess of normal mortality rates as determined by FSA. Eligible disaster conditions include blizzards, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, wildfires and disease. Producers should contact the county office for program details.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) DEADLINE FOR 2010 CROPS

The final date to apply for the 2010 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) for most perennial crops (grass hay, alfalfa hay, mixed hay, and pasture) is September 30, 2009. The deadline for spring planted crops is March 15, 2010, except for spring planted mixed hay crops which is September 30, 2009. NAP fees are \$250 per crop not to exceed \$750 per county and \$1,875 for multiple counties. Also remember to report 2009 crop losses within 15 days of the date of the disaster event or 15 days of when the disaster condition is apparent.

NAP & CROP INSURANCE LINKAGE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for crop disaster benefits under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), producers are required to have NAP coverage on all non-insurable crops of economic significance and Federal Crop Insurance on all insurable crops of economic significance. Note the following crop insurance sales closing dates:

September 30, 2009 – Wheat (both winter & spring), winter barley.

Livestock producers are also reminded to obtain NAP coverage on their rangeland and other grazing crops to remain eligible for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bee and Farm-raised Fish Program.

2009 CROP LOAN RATES

County loan rates have been announced for 2009 Commodity Credit Corporation loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. The per bushel loan rates for Stevens and Lincoln Counties are listed below:

	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Oats</u>
Stevens:	3.02	2.06	1.30
Lincoln:	3.12	2.11	1.30