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Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA Updates

Please continue to make contact with the office or surrounding offices for getting acreage reports completed. Late filed fees have been waived by the national office for the calendar year so there is no reason not to get the process started now with everything that has been planted, then finish up when your spring planting is completed.

I would like to hear from anyone who has suffered crop damage due to weather conditions. I will need to get some reports filed soon for any damage suffered during the freezing weather in late November/early December. And with the current drought condition I would expect we will see some damage from lack of water, too.

Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA Office

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Tuesdays 8:00 - 4:00

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County Executive Director:
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503-472-1474 x2

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 28 - office is staffed

Jan 31 - sales closing date for Crop Insurance - Adjusted Gross Revenue (new) & AGR-lite (continuing)

Feb 4 - office is staffed

Feb 11 - office is staffed

Feb 17 - all Federal Offices Closed for Washington's Birthday

Feb 18 - office is staffed

Feb 25 - office is staffed

Mar 15 - sales closing date for NAP - beans (fresh), broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, sweet corn (fresh), cucumbers, lentils, mustard, oats (hay), peas, potatoes, pumpkins, safflowers, sunflowers, squash tomatoes, watermelons.

Mar 15 - sales closing date for Crop Insurance - AGR - lite (new), barley, beans (processed), field corn (silage), sweet corn (processed), spring oats (grain).

May 1 - sales closing date for Crop Insurance - Nursery

Farm Loan Officer:

Suzanne Hayes - 503-648-3174 x 105

suzanne.hayes@or.usda.gov

Other FSA Offices in the Area:

Marion County FSA Office
650 Hawthorne Ave SE, Ste 130
Salem, OR 97301-5894
503-399-5741 x2

Washington County FSA Office
1080 SW Baseline Rd, Ste B-3
Hillsboro, OR 97123-3838
503-648-3174

Yamhill County FSA Office
2200 SW 2nd ST
McMinnville, OR 97128
503-472-1474 x2

Next County Committee**Meeting:**

April 1, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. if needed.

ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots have been counted and the new county committee members are Clair Klock (LAA 2) and Steve Aamodt (LAA 3). Clair and Steve will be serving three year terms and will begin officially on Feb. 18th, although Steve is finishing out his current three year term.

Chris Winter is going off the committee with 19 years of experience. The committee and farming community would like to thank Chris for all of his years of service to the farmers and ranchers of Multnomah and Clackamas County.

The committee will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the quarter, as needed with the possibility of additional meetings should the need arise.

FOREIGN BUYERS NOTIFICATION

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

FARMING OPERATION CHANGES

Producers who have bought or sold land, or added or dropped rented land from their operation must report those changes to the FSA office as soon as possible. A copy of the deed or recorded land contract for purchase property is needed to maintain accurate records with FSA. Failure to do so can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. While making record updates, be sure to update signature authorizations. Making record changes now will save time in the spring.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Agricultural producers are reminded to consult with FSA and NRCS before breaking out new ground for production as doing so without prior authorization may put a producer's federal farm program benefits in jeopardy. This is especially true for land that must meet Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions.

Producers with HEL determined soils must apply tillage, crop residue and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan.

Producers should notify FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to ensure compliance. If you intend to clear any trees to create new cropland, these areas will need to be reviewed to ensure any work will not risk your eligibility for benefits.

Landowners and operators can complete form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to determine whether a referral to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is necessary.

BEGINNING FARMER LOANS

FSA assists beginning farmers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- § Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- § Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- § Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- § Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Additional program information, loan applications, and other materials are available by contacting our farm loan staff listed at the top of the newsletter. You may also visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).