

March 2008

PAYMENT LIMITATION



Some program benefits may not be provided until "person" and/or "actively engaged in farming" determinations have been made. FSA must consider the applicability of the "cash-rent tenant rule", "foreign persons rule", permitted entity restrictions, and average adjusted gross income limitations. Statutes require that entities earning payments provide the names, addresses, share, and ID numbers of their members and inform their members of the requirements for designating "permitted entities". Spouses may be considered separate "persons" for payment limitation purposes if requested and applicable requirements are met. No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until all required forms are provided and all necessary determinations have been made.

Crop Acreage Reporting for 2008

Producers have until June 30, 2008 to report all their cropland acres for 2008. Acreage reports are required for producers in the DCP, NAP, and CRP programs. Producers who wish to receive commodity loans or LDPs (including wool) also must file on all "crop land".

Complaint Process

If an FSA official makes a denial of your application or request for USDA services, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree.

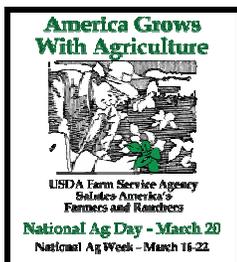
Generally, program participants have three choices – an informal review with the original decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation and appeal to USDA National Appeal Division (NAD).

Requesting 2008 LDPs

To request 2008 crop loans or loan deficiency payments (LDP), you must use the CCC-633 EZ.

Page 1 – Producer's *intention to request* LDPs in the future: Can be signed now and **must be signed before "beneficial interest" is lost.**

Page 4 – Producer's *request for LDP* payment on wool, mohair, and/or unshorn lambs (pelts): Can be submitted after the crop is "harvested" or after sale.



2005-2007 Disaster Program

Sign-up Continues!

* Livestock Compensation Program (LCP);

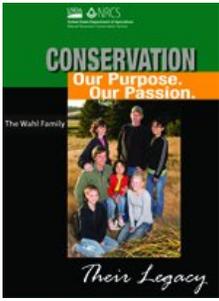
Provides benefits for producers in designated disaster counties for their **added costs of procuring livestock feed in 2005, 2006** or 2007. Eligible livestock under are: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, deer, and catfish.

Please call ahead to schedule a sign-up appointment.

* Crop Disaster Program (CDP);

This program provides benefits to producers who suffered crop losses from natural disasters. **Producers must have purchased crop insurance or coverage under the agency's Non-insured Assistance Program in order to qualify.** Eligible losses are those that exceeded 35 percent for quantity and/or exceed 25% for quality. The loss must have occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007.

More information is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov



LOCAL RANCH FAMILY FEATURED BY NRCS

The Wahl family has kept watch of the area’s resources and landscape for more than 125 years. “We’ve been here so long that I can’t even imagine not having this,” reflects Mary Wahl, whose forebears from Scotland began raising sheep on the Oregon coast in 1874.

Over the past century, the mantle of caring for the land has passed from generation to generation, a seamless continuity of sound land management principles that are now being instilled in the next generation. Mary explains that, for them, conservation and family are inseparable. In her words, it’s about wanting “a future for the kids that involves ranching, and part of having ranching keep going is conservation.”...

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 To read the complete story, or to read about other conservation farmers and ranchers who are working to protect and enhance Oregon’s natural resources, go to www.or.usda.nrcs.gov

Maintenance of CRP Cover

CRP & CREP participants cover are responsible for maintenance according to the conservation plan. All CRP maintenance activity **must be conducted outside the primary nesting season for wildlife** and in accordance with the conservation plan. For Coos & Curry, the primary nesting season is **March 15th through July 15th**. Spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during the primary nesting season if certain criteria are met.

ACREAGE REPORTING TIME NEARS

Acreage reporting time will soon be here. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the June 30, 2008 deadline on all crops.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earlier of June 30, 2008, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

Special Accommodations

Special accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, contact Bret Harris, CED, at (541) 396-4323, x25.

| Dates to Remember | |
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| Mar. 18, 2008 | Regular Coos/Curry FSA Committee Meeting |
| Mar. 20, 2008 | National Ag Day – part of National Ag Week! |
| Apr. 15, 2008 | Regular Coos/Curry FSA Committee Meeting |
| Jun. 30, 2008 | Last day to timely File 2008 Acreage Reports |
| Continuing | Primary Nesting Season – through July 15 |
| On-going | Sign-up for CREP, GRP, 2008 LDP |
| Within 15 days | NAP notice of loss. Must report damage within 15 days of damage or when damage is apparent. |

