

March 2007

County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Eric Wiley! Eric was elected to represent farmers from LAA-2, Coos County on the FSA Committee. Eric has previously served two terms on the FSA committee and is a great asset both the FSA and farmers and ranchers in the area. The election results for LAA-2 are:

Eric Wiley — Elected to COC;

Jeff Cochran — 1st alternate to COC,

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

The committee held its organizational meeting in January and elected Rick McKenzie as the County Committee Chairman and elected Sharon Waterman as Vice-Chair.



FY2006 DCP Signup Continues.

2006 Direct & Counter-Cyclical (DCP) Contracts **must be signed by June 1, 2007.**
Contracts signed after 6/1/07 but before 9/30/07 will be assessed a late-filed fee of \$100.

Requesting LDPs for 2007

To request 2007 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 2 – Producer's *request for LDP* payment on feed grains, minor oilseeds, rice and pulses.
Use after grain is harvested and in storage.

Page 4 – Producer's request for LDP payment on sheared wool, sheared mohair or unshorn pelts.

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.

Payment Limitations

Some program benefits may not be provided until "person" and/or "actively engaged in farming" determinations have been made. Producers may be required to submit form CCC-502 prior to receiving program payments. 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.

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.

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 agency decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation and appeal to the USDA National Appeal Division (NAD).

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our program. [Please report bank changes too so that payments go to the correct account without delay.](#)

Crop Acreage Reporting for 2007.

Producers have until June 30, 2007 to report all their cropland acres for 2007. 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”.