

Central Oregon FSA Office

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County Committee Election

This year's election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2, covering Jefferson County. The COC is actively seeking nominees to run for this year's election. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to submit nominating petitions. If you or your neighbor is interested in running for the COC, a nomination petition is enclosed and can be obtained at our office. Nominating petitions must be returned by August 1, 2008. Prospective candidates must be of legal age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper and be eligible to participate in any FSA Program that is provided by law, regardless of funding. COC's are responsible for making decisions regarding Farm Bill programs. Ballots for the election will be mailed out by November 3, 2008. Make your vote count by voting for the farmer/rancher of your choice. The county office will be holding an informational meeting to explain the COC nomination and election process on June 24, 2008 at 9:00am. Our office is located at 625 SE Salmon Ave., Suite 3, Redmond, OR 97756. Additional information concerning the COC election process is available on the internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>

Acres Reporting 2008 Deadline

The deadline for reporting your 2008 crop acreage is June 30, 2008.

Acres reports are required for most programs that FSA administers for Farm Bill programs. Please call the office to set up an appointment if you have not reported your crops yet.

Remember to have your planting dates available for the report.

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

The deadline to submit your 2007 Actual Production History (APH) is June 30, 2008. Production losses due to a natural weather event are eligible for payment on yield losses greater than 50% from a producer's APH or a percentage of the county average if no APH is established. For a producer to establish an APH, production records must be submitted for at least four previous consecutive crop years and not more than ten consecutive crop years. **Once an APH is established for a crop(s), production must be submitted each year by the production reporting date.** For example, the deadline to submit production for a 2007 crop is June 30, 2008. Once an APH is established, there cannot be a break in continuity. A break in continuity may negatively impact the APH during a year in which an application for payment is made. Failure for a producer to have an established APH on file could result in reduced or no benefits under NAP in the event of a crop loss. Producers who have paid for NAP coverage and suffer a weather related crop loss must notify our office within 15 days of the date of the weather event or are aware of the crop damage. An inspection must be performed on any acreage for which the intended use has been changed or for any acreage that will not be taken to harvest prior to destroying or abandoning the crop acreage. **Before destroying or replanting the failed acreage producers must file an acres report for the failed acres.**

2009 Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Applications

The county office is now accepting the 2009 NAP coverage applications. Continuous letters have been mailed to producers that had the 2008 NAP coverage. If no crop changes from the 2008 year then the application fee must be submitted before the crop(s) application closing date. Should a producer have revisions to the crop(s) then a new application with 2009 crops will require a signature along with the NAP coverage fee and be received before the crop application closing date. ***Crop application closing dates are as follows...***

Aug. 31, 2008... Carrots, Onions, Radish, Cabbage, Flowers, Greens, Herbs (except peppermint) Canola, and other fall planted crops not mentioned

Oct. 1, 2008... Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Turf Grass Sod, Garlic, Mushrooms, Grass seed, Clover seed, Mint, Alfalfa Hay, Grass hay, Small Grain Forage (fall or spring), other forage crops, Grazing, Ornamental Nursery & other perennials not mentioned

March 15, 2008... Beans & All other spring crops not otherwise mentioned.

To apply for coverage you must pay the applicable service fees at your local FSA office. The service fee is equal to \$100 per crop per county or \$300 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$900 per producer for all counties.