

Central Oregon FSA Newsletter

Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson Counties

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County Committee (COC) Election

Results

County Committee (COC) elections were held this year for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2, covering Jefferson County. The results of the election elected Mike Macy as a COC member for a 3 year term. Congratulations Mike!

LAA 2 Election Results

Mike Macy- COC Member
Bill DuRette- First Alternate
Richard Avila- Second Alternate

Report All Farm Changes

If there have been any changes in the operation of your farm, such as new owners, operators, changes in land, addresses, etc..., please notify our office as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in delayed, incorrect or denied payments.

Direct Deposit

Under Direct Deposit provisions, if you have changed your financial institution we must have a new direct deposit form (SF-1199A) completed along with a written statement directing us to terminate your old direct deposit on file. Failure to do so may result in delayed payments. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Foreign Investors

Foreign investors who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land must report these holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture within 90 days. This may be done by completing form FSA-153, available at any FSA office. The report is required by law and persons who fail to report, or who are late reporting, face possible fines.

Pork Checkoff Program

The (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced today that it will conduct a Request for Referendum next month

among eligible producers & importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products to determine if they want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program. USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. The Request for Referendum will be held Dec. 8, 2008 through Jan. 2, 2009. The Request for Referendum will be conducted at the USDA County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices where their administrative farm records are maintained.

Attention Husbands & Wives

A husband and wife may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made with the County Office from either spouse. Husbands and wives who have an "official" joint ventures or partnerships must have power of attorney on file to sign for the entity.

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers who have paid for NAP coverage and suffer a weather related crop loss must notify our office and file a notice of loss 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 acreage report for the failed acres.**

Wool & Mohair LDP/MAL Deadline- 2008 Production

The deadline to submit production on wool Loan Deficiency Program (LDP's) or Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) is January 31, 2009 for all 2008 wool & mohair production. A CCC-633EZ page 1 must have been received in the county office prior to losing beneficial interest in order to be eligible to request 2008 LDP's. To file a request a CCC-633EZ page 4 must be completed along with any production evidence. In addition to filing the CCC-633EZ forms a 2008 Acreage Report, Adjusted Gross Income form, and any other applicable eligibility forms not completed must be filed to be eligible for LDP's & MAL's. Late file fees may apply along with spot-check if late filing an acreage report.

Direct & Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP)

The new Farm Bill Authorized DCP through 2012. To participate in DCP, producers are required to designate shares and sign the Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program Contract (CCC-509) on a yearly basis. The annual DCP sign-up period runs from October 1 to June 1 of the applicable program year. CCC-509's with signatures obtained after June 1 but before September 30, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-filed sign-up fee of \$100.*All supporting documentation, such as CCC-902, AD-1026, and CCC-926, must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by June 30th of each year. Acreage reports filed after the applicable final reporting date may be accepted if all requirements are met and a late-filed fee is paid. *A farm resulting from a reconstitution may be enrolled in DCP if all signatures on CCC-509 are obtained by the later of either June 1 or 30 calendar days following producer notification of the reconstitution. **At this time we are waiting for authorization to conduct 2009 DCP sign up. As soon as the sign-up begins the county FSA office will be sending notifications out.**

Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)

This is a new program as a result of the 2008 Farm Bill. Purpose of the program is to protect against crop revenue shortfall resulting from price and/or production declines at state and farm level. Production is on crops a producer plants not the farms historical plantings. Producer(s) must decide if the farm will be enrolled in ACRE or DCP program. If enrolled in ACRE, there are no counter cyclical payments; there is a 20% reduction in direct payments that were calculated from DCP; there is a 30% reduction in marketing assistance loan rates. Farm(s) must have base acres to participate and all owners on the farm must agree to participate. Once a farm elects to be in ACRE it will always be in ACRE and cannot later choose to enroll in DCP. Two triggers must be met before payments can be issued. The State ACRE Guarantee for the crop must exceed Actual State Revenue and the farms ACRE Benchmark Revenue must exceed Actual Farm Revenue. We are still waiting for procedure to be developed for ACRE and no sign-up period for 2009 has been announced at this time.

Farm Bill Informational Meetings

Producers who would like an update on the new Farm Bill are welcome to attend any of the three scheduled meetings listed below...

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| *January 21, 2009 10:00am -11:00am
USDA Service Center
625 SE Salmon Ave
Redmond, Oregon | *February 4, 2009 (exact time unknown please see OSU
Extension Newsletter for Farm Fair agenda)
Jefferson County Farm Fair
430 SW Fairgrounds Road
Madras, Oregon |
| *January 28, 2009 10:00am – 11:00 am
Crook County OSU Extension
498 SE Lynn Blvd
Prineville, Oregon | |

Payment Limitation Provisions

Payments & benefits under certain programs are subject to some or all of the following: *payment limitation, cash-rent tenant rule, foreign person rule, actively engaged in farming requirements, average adjusted gross income limitation.*

Applicable programs and payment limitations are:

Payment Type	Annual Limitation (In Dollar)
CRP/CREP Annual Rental & One time Incentives	\$50,000
Total of the following for all loan commodities except wool, mohair & honey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Loan Gains (MAL's) • Loan Deficiency Program (LDP's) 	\$75,000 \$75,000
Total of: Wool, Mohair & Honey	\$75,000
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	\$100,000
Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE, LIP, LFP, ELAP)	\$100,000
DCP Direct Payment	\$40,000
Counter-Cyclical (CC) & Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE)	\$65,000
LDP & Market Gain	Unlimited



Types of Farm Loans Available and Uses of Loan Funds

Direct farm ownership loans (FO) and Farm Operating Loans (OL) are made by FSA to eligible farmers. Guaranteed FO and OL loans are made by lending institutions subject to Federal or State supervision (banks, savings and loans, and units of the Farm Credit System) and guaranteed by FSA. Typically, FSA guarantees 90 percent of any loss the lender might incur if the loan fails. FO funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, erect or improve buildings, implement soil and water conservation measures, and pay closing costs. Guaranteed FO funds may also be used to refinance debt. OL funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, fertilizer, chemicals, insurance, and other operating expenses. The funds also may be used for borrower training costs, closing costs, and to reorganize and refinance debt.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact **Sharilyn Millette at (503) 399-5741, ext. #115 or Kathey Naegeli at ext. # 113.**

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2009 Acreage Reporting

Annual acreage reporting is required for most Programs that FSA administers for Farm Bill Programs. Before a producer can report their crop acreage they must have planted their 2009 crops; Planting dates are required, along with crop name, crop type, crop intended use, irrigated or non-irrigated, total acres planted in each field, crop shares, copies of leases for newly acquired ground or for ground with expired leases. For SURE, LIP, LFP producers reporting grazed and/or

hayed ground is now required. **The county office will be working on sending out maps and reports as forms become available in the months to come.** Please contact the county office with any changes from the previous year(s) farmed ground so that we can reduce any delays and be accurate in the acreage reporting. **The deadline for reporting your 2009 crop acreage is June 30, 2009.** Please call the office should you have any questions regarding acreage

reporting or any other programs for the 2009 year.



Upcoming Dates to Remember



December 25, 2008

January 01, 2009

January 19, 2009

January 31, 2009

February 19, 2009

USDA Service Center closed for the Christmas Day Holiday

USDA Service Center closed for the New Year Holiday

USDA Service Center closed for the observed Holiday
(Martin Luther King, JR, Birthday)

Last day to request wool or mohair LDP's /MAL's

USDA Service Center closed for the Presidents Day Holiday

Special Accommodations

FSA programs are available to all eligible interested persons. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required please contact the FSA office.

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