

Central Oregon FSA Office

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COC Election

This year there will be elections held in LAA #3, Crook County, and LAA #4, Deschutes County. Ballots will be mailed no later than November 3, 2006. Please don't forget to sign your ballot return envelope. Ballots must be received by our office no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 4, 2006. The following nominees have expressed that he/she is willing to serve if elected:

Biographies of Candidates-LAA #3

Adam Barney is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a 3-year term. Adam Barney resides in the Prineville area, LAA #3, and has been involved in his family ranch operations production of garlic, grass seed, wheat, peppermint, hay, and cattle for 13 years. Adam is an active member of Stock Growers, Oregon Essential Oils, and County Natural Beef.

Pam Hart is nominated in LAA #3, Crook County, to serve as COC member for a 3-year term. Pam resides in the Prineville area, LAA #3, and produced cattle for 19 years.

Biographies of Candidates-LAA #4

Rex Barber Jr. is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to serve as COC member for a 3-year term. Rex resides in the Terrebonne area, LAA #4, and has produced wheat, hay, carrot seed, grass seed, garbanzo beans, and cattle for 17 years. Rex is an active member of Water for Life.

Ken Mitenberger is nominated in LAA #4, Deschutes County, to serve as COC member for a 3-year term. Ken resides in the Alfalfa area, LAA # 4, and has produced hay, and cattle for 30 years. Ken is an active member of the Farm Bureau, Central Oregon Hay Growers and a current member of the COC.

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)

With harvest approaching, our office would like to remind producers of the Commodity Loan and Loan Deficiency Payment provisions. A producer must have beneficial interest in the Commodity they wish to get MAL or LDP benefits on. A producer is considered to have beneficial interest if they have control and title of the commodity.

There are many producers who have deferred price, forward, or price later

contracts that allow the producer to select the sales price of the commodity at the time the contract is entered into or a later date. Under these cases a producer loses beneficial interest if the contract states that ownership or title in the commodity transfers at the time the commodity is priced, date of signing the contract, or date the commodity is delivered. Producers will be considered to have lost beneficial interest on commodities delivered to facilities that are not Federally or State licensed on the date the commodity was delivered to such facilities. Therefore, LDP's on commodities delivered to unlicensed facilities will be based on the date beneficial interest was lost, that being the date of delivery. CCC-633 EZ page 1 must be filed in the FSA office before beneficial interest is lost in order to be eligible for LDP's. In addition, delivery of commodities to entities such as dairies, feedlots, pits, ethanol plants, wool pools, feed mills, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery, regardless of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer. Therefore, LDP's on commodities delivered to such entities will be based on the rate in effect on the date beneficial interest was lost, that being the date of delivery. New Lien search policy for Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL's) has revised procedure on lien searches and lien filing. The new MAL lien search policy, instructs FSA County Offices to conduct lien searches and perfect security interests on MAL requests that are in amounts greater than \$25,000.

The Non- Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Provides financial assistance to eligible producers affected by natural disasters on non-insurable crop(s) losses. The natural disaster must have reduced your expected production of the crop by more than 50% and pays 55% of the approved price. Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food (including livestock feed) or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is unavailable. 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. The production reporting date is June 30 of the subsequent crop year. For example, the deadline to submit production for a 2006 crop is June 30, 2007. Once an APH is established, there cannot be a break in continuity. A break in continuity will cause the APH base to start over. 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 the FSA office by completing form CCC-576 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 changed or for any acreage that will not be taken to harvest prior to destroying or abandoning crop acreage.

The 2007 NAP Sales closing dates are as follows...

Carrot seed, Onion seed, Canola, and other fall planted crops not mentioned, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Turf Grass Sod, Mushrooms, Floriculture (cut flowers) Fall Onions..**Aug. 31, 2006**
Grass seed, Clover seed & other perenial crops not mentioned.....**Oct. 1, 2006**
Mint, Alfalfa Hay, Grass hay, Forage Grazing.....**Oct. 1,2006**
Ornamental Nursery**Oct. 1, 2006**
All other spring crops not otherwise mentioned**March 15, 2006**
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.

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.

Farm Purchase and Operating Loans Targeting Socially Disadvantaged Groups

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers farm loans for Socially Disadvantaged persons. The loan programs are designed to help Socially Disadvantaged farmers purchase and operate family farms. With these loan programs, FSA hopes to help reverse the declining numbers of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers across the United States. The intended outcome is to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to own and operate their own farms and ranches, participate in agricultural programs, and become integral parts of the agricultural community. FSA reserves a portion of its direct loan and loan guarantee funds each year to assist Socially Disadvantaged Applicants that are primarily and directly engaged in farming and ranching on family-sized operations.

A Socially Disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members has been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders. Farm Ownership loan funds are available to help qualified socially disadvantaged persons purchase a farm or ranch. To qualify, the applicant must have participated in the business operation of a farm or ranch for at least 3 years. For those applicants that have at least 1 year’s experience in managing or operating a farm or ranch, Operating Loan Funds are available to help with purchase of livestock, machinery, and equipment, as well as annual production expenses. To find your local Farm Service Agency office go online at www.fsa.usda.gov or call 503-399-5741 for assistance.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFL)

Producers who can demonstrate a need for eligible commodity farm storage needs or upgrades may be interested in Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program. Eligible commodities include rice, soybeans, dry peas, lentil, small chickpeas, peanuts, sunflower seeds, canola, rapeseed, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, corn, grain sorghum, oats, wheat, and barley. Loan amounts are 85% of the net cost of storage and/or handling equipment not to exceed \$100,000. Loans will carry a maximum term of seven years.

USDA presents Forms Online
What is E-File Technology?

E-File is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) effort to better serve its customers through the use of computer technology and the Internet. E-File gives customers, producers, partners, and others access to forms and account information related to USDA programs and allows them to fill out and submit documents electronically via USDA’s eGovernment Web site, <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov> . By phasing in computer-based operations and reducing paper usage, USDA is improving the speed and quality of service it provides customers across the country.

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