

Central Oregon FSA Office

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
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COC Election Results

County Committee elections were held this year for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3, Crook County and (LAA) 4, Deschutes County. The results of the election are as follows:

LAA 3 Crook County

Adam Barney - COC Member
Pamela Hart - First Alternate

LAA 4 Deschutes County

Ken Miltenberger - COC Member
Rex T Barber Jr - First Alternate

Report all Farm Changes

It is the producers responsibility to report all changes to the county FSA office. Changes in the operation of your farm, such as new owners, operators, changes in land, leases addresses, phone numbers, and tax Id numbers 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. If you have any changes or 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.

Accessibility to Disabled Persons

FSA programs are available to all eligible interested persons including those with disabilities. Special accommodations will be made upon request for those with disabilities, vision, or hearing impairments. If such accommodations are needed please contact Cameron Kirsch at 541-923-4358 extension 2.

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

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. To comply with requirements when prevented planting occurs, producers must late file prevented planting within 15 days after the final planting date. A field visit by FSA will be conducted if planting claim is more than 15 days.

Direct & Counter Cyclical Payment

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 must be submitted by 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-502, AD-1026, and CCC-526, must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by June 30 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. Producers may receive a 22 percent advance of the Direct Payment amount, beginning on December 1 of the program year. Final direct payments will be made on or after October 1 following the contract period. Counter-Cyclical payments may also be authorized for one or more covered commodities, depending on the projected and actual market prices. Producers may elect to receive up to three Counter-Cyclical payments per year (1) the first partial payment, if any, is available in October of the calendar year in which the crop is harvested, and cannot exceed 35 percent of the total projected

payment;(2) a second partial payment, up to 70 percent of the projected payment, minus the amount of the first partial payment, available the following February; and(3) final payments, if any, are made after the end of the marketing year for the crop. Producers who do not elect to take the first and second advanced payments will receive the entire Counter-Cyclical payment at that time. The amount of a Counter-Cyclical payment is dependent upon the average of the actual prices received by farmers during the marketing year. Producers who request an advance Counter-Cyclical payment if available may be required to refund it back to the agency if the Secretary of Agriculture determines the average market price was not at a level to qualify for Counter-Cyclical payments.

Fruits and Vegetable Plantings

Please be aware that you are prohibited from planting fruits and vegetables on Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Contract acres. Many vegetable seed crops are considered vegetables under this program. If you are not sure what acres you have available to be planted to vegetables, please contact our office first prior to planting. Planting vegetables on contract acres can have very costly penalties.

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.

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" partnership must have power of attorney on file to sign for the entity.

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Payment Limitation Provisions

Payments and 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
- *permitted entity
- *average adjusted gross income limitation

Applicable programs and payment limitations are:

Payment Type	Limitation (In Dollar)
Direct Payments (DCP)	\$40,000
Counter Cyclical Payments	\$65,000
CRP Annual Rental Payments	\$50,000
Total of the following for all loan commodities except wool, mohair & honey:	
• Marketing loan gains	\$75,000
• LDP’s	\$75,000
Total of: Wool, Mohair & Honey	\$75,000
NAP	\$100,000

- No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until:
 - all required forms for the specific situation are provided
 - necessary payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations are made
- Payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations may be initiated by the County Committee or requested by the producer.
- Oregon policy requires a new CCC-502, Farm Operating Plan or CCC-502u, update to farm operating plan to be filed annually for any producer participating in a program that falls under Payment Limitation provisions.

- There are statutory provisions that require entities earning program payments that are subject to limitation to:
 - provide the names, address and ID numbers of the entities’ members
 - inform the entities’ members of the requirements for designating “permitted entities”
- All payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end-of-year review process. If selected for this review, you will be required to submit all documents, which will substantiate your “person” determination.
- Spouses may be considered separate “persons” for payment limitation purposes if the determination is requested and the applicable requirements are met.
- A determination of not “actively engaged in farming” results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of “actively engaged in farming”. Also, noncompliance with the adjusted gross income provisions will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to the adjusted gross income provisions.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (Voice) or (202)-720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.