

Central Oregon FSA Office

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Acres Reporting 2007 Deadline

The deadline for reporting your 2007 crop acreage is June 29, 2007.

Acres reports are required for most programs that FSA administers. This includes Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non Insured Assistance Program (NAP), Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). Please call Debby to set up an appointment if you have not reported your crops yet.

Remember to have your planting dates ready.

Direct & Counter Cyclical (DCP) 2007 Sign-up Deadline Extended

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. **The deadline has been extended to submit the DCP contract CCC-509 to Aug 3, 2007.** CCC-509's with signatures obtained after August 3rd 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 no later than Sept. 30, 2007. Annual acres reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by June 30th of each year. The 2007 acres-reporting deadline is June 29, 2007 due to the 30th falling on Saturday and the county office is closed. Acres 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 August 3 or 30 calendar days following producer notification of the reconstitution.

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.

County Committee Election

This years election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1, covering The Confederative Tribes of Warm Springs in 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, 2007. 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 including, Commodity Price Support Loans and Payments, Conservation Programs, Disaster Payments, and other farm disaster assistance. Ballots for the election will be mailed out by November 4, 2007. 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 26, 2007 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>

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

The deadline to submit your 2006 Actual Production History (APH) is June 29, 2007. Production losses due to a natural weather event are eligible for payment on yield losses greater than 50% from a producers 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 2006 crop is June 29, 2007. 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.**

Wool and Mohair Loans and LDP's

Wool and mohair producers may apply for a nine-month, non-recourse marketing assistance loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). The 2007 loan rate for un-graded wool is .38 cents per pound. The loan rate for mohair is \$4.20 per pound. LDP rates will be announced every Wednesday. Producers have until January 31, 2008, to request a loan or LDP's for 2007 crop wool and mohair that have not yet been marketed and remain in storage. LDP's are available for unshorn pelts that are sold either for immediate slaughter or for unshorn lambs that are slaughtered for personal use. Producers are encouraged to contact our office to complete form CCC-633 EZ page 1 prior to losing beneficial interest in the wool or mohair.

Producers who deliver to the wool pool are considered to have lost beneficial interest at delivery. Producers can submit their LDP request on CCC-633 EZ page 4 at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest. Producers who obtain an LDP benefit on a certified quantity may receive an additional LDP disbursement on the quantity in excess of the certified quantity after delivery of the wool or mohair when beneficial interest is lost but prior to final availability date.

Weed Control Requirements

All CRP and DCP participants must comply with the Oregon Noxious Weed Law and ensure noxious weeds are controlled. Failure to comply with the weed control provisions can result in the County FSA Committee applying a payment reduction or termination of contract.

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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