



Douglas County FSA News

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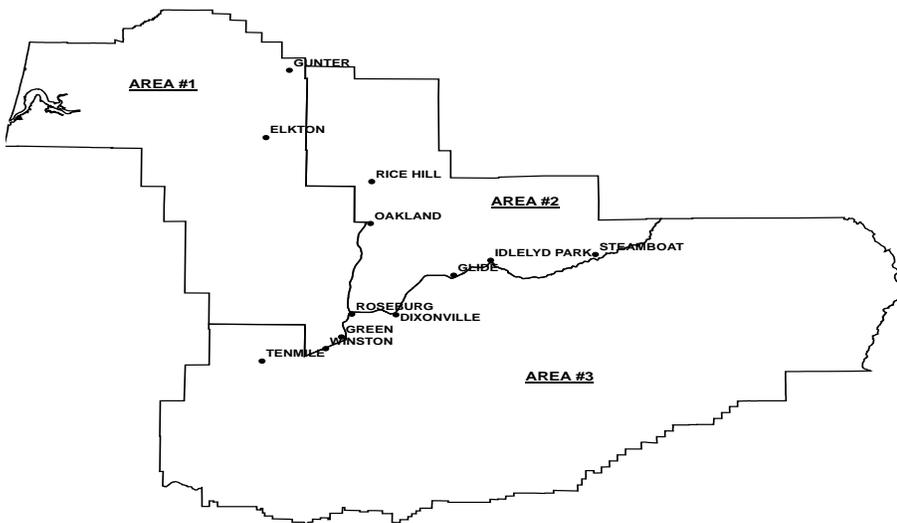
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NOMINATIONS FOR FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominations are being accepted **until August 1, 2008** for the Douglas County FSA Committee election being held this November. For FSA elections Douglas County is identified by 3 voting areas as identified on the map below. The area up for election this year is area #2. Currently, Paul Santos is the member serving area #2.



Three positions are being filled: 1 regular member and 2 alternates. Elected individuals serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2009. Typically members meet as often as once a month and they are reimbursed for their time and travel. Duties that Committee members are involved in include the following: Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office, Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs, Monitoring changes in farm programs, participating in county meetings as necessary, performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

The enclosed **Nomination Form** allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are

needed, this one may be copied or another may be obtained at the County FSA Office, return completed forms to Douglas FSA 2440 NW Troost St Suite 201 Roseburg, OR 97470. Persons nominated should be actively participating in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

There will be 2 informational meetings to explain what the County Committee and FSA is all about: Tuesday June 19, 2008 at 5:00 pm and Thursday July 10, 2008 at 7:00 am. Both will be held at the Farm Service Agency Office.

DO YOU NEED HAY OR HAVE HAY FOR SALE?

The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) electronic Hay Net Ad Service is an Internet-based service allowing farmers and ranchers to share 'Need Hay' ads and 'Have Hay' ads online. Check it out at www.fsa.usda.gov and go to ONLINE SERVICES at the top of the page and then select HAY NET.

PRICE SUPPORT FOR PRODUCERS OF WOOL AND MOHAIR

The purpose of the loan deficiency program is to financially support producers when market prices fall below a set loan rate. The difference between the loan rate and the actual market price equals a payment rate available to farmers if they forgo a loan on the commodity. If you have sheared any wool or mohair since January 1, 2008 you may be eligible for a cash payment based on the pounds of wool or mohair. Rates are in effect for graded and non-graded wool. Mohair only has one rate.

Certain eligibility criteria apply before you sell the commodity. Contact the office before selling your wool or mohair to ensure you have completed the proper paperwork.

LOW, LOW, LOW INTEREST RATES!

FSA Direct Operating Loan (OL) Interest Rates are now down to 3.125 % for May, 2008. FSA Direct OL loans may be used to purchase equipment or livestock, pay annual farm operating costs, refinance non-real estate farm debts, pay for minor real estate improvements, or soil and water development costs. Eligible applicants may borrow up to \$200,000 to be repaid over a maximum of 7 years. Additional restrictions may apply.

If you have any questions or wish to apply for FSA Farm loan assistance, please contact Jim Jutson, Farm Loan Manager at 541-673-6071, Ext. 108.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Producers or landowners who participate in FSA programs are required to file a timely and accurate acreage report by June 30, 2008. All cropland on farms which receive Direct and Counter-Cyclical payments, Marketing Assistance Loans, and Loan Deficiency Payments must be reported. In addition, all land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and land in which Non-Insured Assistance Program benefits are received must be reported.

LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY PROGRAMS

The Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) compensates livestock producers for grazing or stored feed losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths.

The loss of feed or livestock must have been the direct result from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.

For Douglas County the loss must have occurred between January 1, 2005 & December 31, 2005, or March 16, 2005 & May 16, 2005, or December 18, 2005 & January 12, 2006, or December 18, 2005 & January 21, 2006, or February 1, 2007 & December 17, 2007. The following are among the types of commercial livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared Presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 are eligible. Contact your local office for specifics. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which to receive benefits.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP) ASSISTANCE

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program can provide funding assistance to help you reach your resource goals on your property. The Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide assistance on improving pastures through cross fencing, livestock water developments and brush control to be able to get better rotational grazing and improve the production of your pastures. We also are assisting on irrigation system upgrades to improve water use efficiency. In addition, we work with forestlands in the pre-commercial time frame which can include pre-commercial thinning, restocking under stocked stands, brush control if needed and those sorts of practices.

Applications are accepted at any time and are ranked beginning October 3. Contact David Chain at NRCS at 541-673-6071 Ext 107.

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Attention: Agricultural group members and leaders. Do you want FSA to come to your meeting and talk about what FSA has to offer you? If so contact Andrew Schmidt at 541-673-6071 extension 104 or by email at andrew.schmidt@or.usda.gov

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