

Do not forget to control weeds on your CRP! Consequences can be costly if weeds are not controlled.

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GARFIELD/ASOTIN COUNTY FSA NEWS

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Next FSA County Committee Meetings

Garfield County, July 10
Asotin County, July 11

2007 LOAN RATES

SWW Wheat	\$2.84/Bu
HRS Wheat	\$3.07/Bu
HRW Wheat	\$3.28/Bu
Barley	\$2.13/Bu or \$88.75/Ton

Contact the county office for loan rates for other crops or for other counties.

National FSA website:

www.fsa.usda.gov

Washington State FSA website:

www.fsa.usda.gov/wa

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Asotin County Office will be closed July 2 & 3, 2007.

Both the Asotin County Office and the Garfield County Office will be closed July 4, 2007 for celebration of Independence Day.

DCP SIGNUP EXTENDED

The deadline to signup for the Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) has been extended to August 3, 2007. Problems with FSA's computer system and the Improper Payment Review caused agency officials to extend the deadline to ensure adequate opportunity for all producers to signup and participate. Producers failing to signup by August 3 may still participate by enrolling before September 30th, but will pay a \$100 late-file fee.

ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE - JUNE 30

Do not miss the deadline to report crop acreages. Even though the deadline for DCP signup was extended to August 3, 2007, producers who participate in DCP must report their acreages by June 30, 2007. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Remember, you must provide seeding dates for all crops planted, so come prepared. Producers who are participating in the Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP), and Price Support Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) are required to report acreages. Late filed fees will be assessed for late filed acreage reports.

NAP PRODUCTION REPORTING DEADLINE IS JUNE 30.

Producers with Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on their non-insurable crops must report their production from their 2006 crops by June 30, 2007. Failure to report will result in an assigned yield entered in the database. This will more than likely reduce the actual production history (APH) and result in lower coverage.

REPORT CROP LOSSES

Producers must file a notice of loss prior to destroying any disaster affected crops. This includes crops with coverage under the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) and crops covered by Federal Crop Insurance. Producers also need to file a notice of loss for NAP crops that are affected by disaster conditions even if they plan to harvest the crop. The notice of loss must be filed within 15 days of when the disaster event occurred or within 15 days of when the disaster condition is apparent. With the current dry weather conditions in some areas, it is imperative that producers report timely to maintain eligibility for program benefits.

FARM COMBINATION/FARM DIVISION DEADLINE

The final date to request a farm combination or farm division (referred to as reconstitutions) that will be effective for the 2007 crop year is August 1, 2007. Requests that are received after August 1 will not become effective until 2008. Farms that have received an advance DCP payment may not be reconstituted for 2007 unless the advance payment is refunded.

CONTROL RYE ON CRP

Every year we seem to have a different flush of weeds in our counties. Last year it was Jim Hill mustard. This year cereal rye is as prevalent as ever before. Producers are reminded that rye is considered a class C noxious weed in Garfield and Asotin Counties. Noxious weeds are **required** to be controlled on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage along with all other noxious weeds and any common weeds that could move to adjoining property or that may jeopardize the grass stand. If control measures for rye have not already been completed, producers should implement control measures as soon as possible. Since we are still in the nesting season for most contracts, if mowing is the choice for control, producers need to contact our office for permission to do spot treatment.

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PULSE CROP LOAN RATES

2007 crop dry peas, lentils and small chick pea loan rates have been announced as follows:

Dry peas - \$6.63/cwt

Lentils - \$13.31/cwt

Small Chickpeas - \$7.43/cwt

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for the County FSA Committee are now being accepted. Nomination is done by petition that must be delivered to the County FSA Office by August 1, 2007. Only one valid nomination is required. FSA encourages the nomination of under-represented group candidates including minorities and women. Nomination forms are being sent to all eligible producers in a separate mailing and are also available upon request from the County FSA Offices. In Garfield County, the Southern Area will hold the election this year. Max Scoggin is currently representing the Southern Area of the county and is eligible for re-election. In Asotin County, the Anatone Area is up for election. Brit Ausman currently represents the Anatone Area and is **not** eligible for re-election. Producers are encouraged to get involved by nominating candidates of their choice to represent them on the FSA Committee.

FARM LOANS AVAILABLE

Direct operating loans up to \$200,000 are still available from FSA for producers who are unable to obtain financing through commercial sources. In addition there are guaranteed loans available with a limit of \$899,000 to qualified applicants. There are 15 lenders working with the Franklin County Office to make guaranteed loans. Contact the farm loan staff in Pasco at (509) 545-8543 for any loan questions or inquiries that you may have.

DISASTER LEGISLATION

On May 25, 2007, President Bush signed into law the "U. S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007". The Act provides for funds for a Crop Disaster Program (CDP), a Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and several other disaster assistance programs. The CDP program will provide funds for losses suffered to crops in 2005, 2006 or for 2007 for crops that were planted prior to February 28, 2007. Producers must choose only one year to receive payments. Producers must have suffered a loss in excess of 35% of normal to be eligible for benefits. LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters between Jan. 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. Producers in primary disaster designated counties or contiguous counties are eligible, but must choose only one year if they had losses in multiple years. Dates for signup have not been announced. Program details will be published when they become available.

HANDICAPPED ACCOMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, vision-, or hearing-impaired person upon request. If accommodation is required, please contact Nick Waldher at 509-843-1997.

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