



FSA Guaranteed Loan Meetings

Update & Briefing Sessions

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is pleased to announce four regional briefing sessions for agricultural lenders and other interested parties experienced or interested in the Agency's program of guarantees for agricultural loans. The guaranteed loan meetings will update participants on recent changes in the guaranteed loan program, discuss important topics of interest to agricultural lenders, and explain guaranteed loan default and loss claim procedures. The meetings will be held November 28, 29, 30, and December 1, 2006.

Program Background



The FSA Guaranteed Loan Program enables agricultural lenders to more broadly serve their farm and ranch customers in need of agricultural credit. It also helps lenders manage the risk inherent in certain portions of their agricultural loan portfolios. FSA accomplishes this by providing loan guarantees to agricultural lenders who make farm loans to eligible applicants operating family-sized farms. The loans must meet certain qualifying criteria to be eligible for guarantees, and the guarantee can cover up to 90 or 95 percent of any principal and interest loss on the loan.

FSA may guarantee loans that eligible agricultural lenders make to family farmers and ranchers for farm ownership, real estate improvement, livestock and equipment purchase, or operating purposes. The guarantee can be for either a fixed loan amount, or for a revolving line of credit for current annual operating purposes. After the guaranteed loan is made, FSA monitors the lender's servicing of the guaranteed loan or line of credit.

Schedule for FSA Guaranteed Loan Meetings

Meeting Schedule	
Nov. 28	Ontario
Nov. 29	Pendleton
Nov. 30	Salem
Dec. 1	Roseburg

Agricultural loan officers, workout specialists, special credits personnel, and other interested parties, (particularly those that have experience with the FSA guaranteed loan program), are invited to attend the nearest FSA guaranteed loan meeting. The four regional half-day briefing sessions will be held in Ontario on November 28, Pendleton on November 29, Salem on November 30, and Roseburg on December 1, 2006. Each meeting will begin at 9:00 am, and will conclude by noon.

The FSA guaranteed loan meetings will have particular meaning for loan officers and others who have attended previous FSA training sessions, and have experience with the FSA guaranteed loan program. Newer agricultural loan officers and others that have not previously attended an FSA guaranteed loan training session, or are not familiar with or experienced in the FSA loan guarantee program, are also welcome to attend.

Specific briefing locations and other details are shown on the reverse.

Contacts for Directions and Additional Information

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact their local FSA County Office or Ms. Tami Hiltz in the Oregon State FSA Office for additional information. Ms. Hiltz can be reached at (503) 692-1973, ext. 247. Those needing more specific directions to the briefing sites shown below may call Mr. Jon Mills in Ontario at (541) 889-9689, Mr. Kevin Jordan in Pendleton at (541) 278-8049, Ms. Sharilyn Millette in Salem at (503) 399-5741, or Ms. Dana Mahlberg in Roseburg at (541) 673-6071.

Meeting Sites and Facilities

The specific site and address of the training facility for each session date is shown below. Each half-day session begins at 9:00 am and should conclude by noon.

Dates, Locations, and Facilities

Date	Location	Facility and Address
Nov. 28 9:00 - Noon	Ontario, OR	Plaza Inn Restaurant Conference Room 812 SW Fourth Avenue Ontario, OR (541-889-3550) <i>(Exit 376 off I-84. Go West thru town on Hwy 30, turning left on SW 2nd St. and right on SW 4th Ave. Restaurant is 1/4 mi. on left just past College Blvd.)</i>
Nov. 29 9:00 - Noon	Pendleton, OR	Oxford Suites Conference Room 2400 SW Court Place Pendleton, OR (541-276-6000) <i>(Exit 209 off I-84 and turn left to 1st stoplight. At N.W. 20th turn left. Continue to next stoplight at S.W. Court Pl, turn left and continue straight into lot.)</i>
Nov. 30 9:00 - Noon	Salem, OR	Comfort Inn and Suites Conference Room 630 Hawthorne Street, SE Salem, OR (503-585-9705) <i>(Exit 253 off I-5. Go West on Mission Hwy, SR22, to the Costco. Turn Right onto Hawthorne Ave. Hotel is 1/4 mile on the Right in the back.)</i>
Dec. 1 9:00 - Noon	Roseburg, OR	Sleep Inn and Suites Conference Room 2855 NW Edenbower Boulevard Roseburg, OR (541-464-8338) <i>(Exit 127 off I-5. Go West then South on Edenbower, left to hotel.)</i>

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons with disabilities who require accommodation to attend or participate in this training should contact Roger Tresham, Chief Administrative Officer, at (503) 692-1973, extension 227, or by e-mail at Roger.Tresham@or.usda.gov, by Monday, November 20, 2006.

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