



## DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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### **USDA REMINDS FARMERS TO SIGN UP FOR LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS**

Farmers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years are reminded to sign up for three new ad hoc disaster programs. These new programs are: the Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which began September 10, 2007. Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) began October 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Sign-up end dates for these programs will be announced at a future date. USDA will also announce a sign-up date for quality losses under the CDP program. Although ending dates for the sign-up periods have not yet been decided, it is important producers get their applications to the local FSA office as soon as possible. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of the loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits through the Livestock Compensation (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

### **NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

The Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) requires producers to report to FSA within 15 days of onset of a disaster. NAP is for all crops including forage, for which insurance is not available through Multi-peril crop insurance programs. NAP assistance will be made available for any commercially produced crop grown for food including honey, crops planted/grown for livestock consumption, including, but not limited to grain and seeded and native forage crops, crops grown for fiber (excluding trees grown for wood, paper, or pulp products), aquaculture species, floriculture crops, ornamental nursery, Christmas tree crops, industrial crops, seed crops where propagation stock is commercially produced for sale as seed stock for other eligible NAP crop production. An annual service fee of \$100 per crop per administrative county with a maximum of \$300 per county, or a maximum of \$900 per producer with multiple separate county operations is charged. Weather related crop losses are paid on up to 50% of your proven yields (Actual Production History or APH) and 55% of the county established market value of the crop. Producers must annually report crop and acreage production records for all crops applied for in NAP. Producers failing to timely certify unit acreage and production risk ineligibility for NAP assistance or reduced approved Yields. Inspections must be performed on unharvested and partially harvested crops. Destroyed crops are unverifiable and potentially ineligible.

### **DAIRY DISASTER AID PROGRAM**

The Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP-III) will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. Benefits to dairy producer for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters compensates for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged containment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets. Sign-up begins Dec. 3, 2007. For more information contact FSA or visit <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

### **WOOL & MOHAIR PROGRAM PAYMENTS**

The 2007 Wool & Mohair Loan Deficiency Program ends January 31, 2008. To be eligible for this program you must have filed a 2007 crop acreage report by June 30, 2007, and filed the intent to participate form CCC-633 prior to losing beneficial interest. Many wool producers have filed the required pre-payment application, but have not completed the request for payment. Wool producers do not need to sell their wool. A certified weight slip will suffice. For more information, contact FSA, or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Click on the subject "Price Support" in the left column, then click on "Loan Deficiency Payments" under the Related Topics column.

### **FARM SERVICE AGENCY COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

Lori Mefford was re-elected to serve on the Jackson-Josephine County Committee for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2008. Lori will represent Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3, which includes Township 36 South to the California State line and Range 2 West, east to the Klamath County line. Congratulations to Lori for her continuing support of the service delivery of USDA programs.

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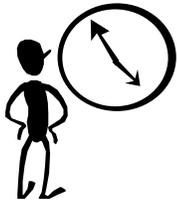
### **USDA 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE**

The new USDA 2007 Census of Agriculture will be sent to all farmers and ranchers beginning December 28, 2007. This Census is conducted every five years by the USDA and is a complete count of the nations' farms and ranches and the people who operate them. The Census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures and other topics. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. Completed forms are due by February 4, 2008. Producers can return their forms by mail, or for the first time, they have the convenient option of filling out the Census online via a secure website. If producers have any questions regarding the 2007 Census of Agriculture, please contact the Oregon Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) at (503)326-2131 or visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov) online.

### **NEW TO THE FSA NEWSLETTER**

Many election ballots were returned from the most recent County Committee Election. We were able to track down many new landowners and update farm records. So, to those folks who are getting this newsletter for the first time, we extend a hearty welcome! We're the "GO TO" folks for answering many agriculture program questions, and if we don't know, by golly we'll do our best to direct you to the folks who can!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**



**December 24 & 25 – Office Closed for Christmas**

**January 1 – Office closed for New Years**

**January 1 - Elected Committee members take office**

**January 31, 2008 – Final day to apply for Wool LDP's**

**March 15, 2008 – NAP deadline for corn, pumpkins, squash & all  
Other spring crops not listed.**

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