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COC Election Update

Nominations

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election for LAA #2 have been received. The following candidates are:

- John F Cox
- Teresa S Kelly
- Arthur E White
- Charles Boyer

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Voting

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 1, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 1, 2011.

Rogue Valley Business Fair

Small Business Success In The 21st Century is the title of the upcoming business fair scheduled on Saturday October 22, 2011 at the Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University Higher Education Center, 101 Bartlett St., Medford, OR, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come learn about doing business on the internet, how to get money for your business, marketing social media and business tax. This is a special opportunity to get free consultations from business leaders and the government. This is not a sales event or a trade show. For more information & pre-registration, call (541)776-6060 ext. 233, (541) 552-8300, or visit:

www.Businessresourcefair.org

This is a free event!

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Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed to provide catastrophic coverage for all crops not covered by Federal Crop Insurance. These include alfalfa, grass hay, rye crops, grain hay, and pasture. Producers interested in purchasing coverage for the 2012 crop year must do so by the sales closing date. The application fee is \$250 per crop, \$750 per county, and \$1,875 for multi-county producers.

Producers with NAP coverage for 2012 must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports (due June 30th of each year) keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods.
- File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent due to a natural disaster condition such as drought, frost, hail, etc.

See the following chart for important NAP Sales Closing Dates:

IMPORTANT CROP PROGRAM DATES	
September 30	NAP Sales Closing Date: Asparagus, garlic, mint, hops, meadowfoam, sugarbeet, triticale grain.
November 20	NAP Sales Closing Date: Apples, apricots, blueberries, caneberries, chestnuts, cherries, cranberries, grapes, hazelnuts, honey, nectarine, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, strawberries, walnuts.
November 30	NAP Sales Closing Date: ALL forage and grazing crops except oats. ALL grasses and legumes for seed.
March 15	NAP Sales Closing Date: Beans, broccoli, Camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, lentils, mustard, oats, peas, potatoes, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato, watermelon.
May 15	NAP Sales Closing Date: Buckwheat
August 31	NAP Sales Closing Date: Beets, cabbage, Canola, Carrots, Christmas Trees, flowers, greens, herbs, (except peppermint), onions, radish

2011 ELAP and LIP Sign Up

Sign up deadlines are approaching for FSA's Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Fact sheets for these programs can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov; click on the NEWSROOM button on the top of the banner, then click on Find FSA Fact Sheets, located on the right side bar. Click on "click here for Fact Sheet Keyword search" and type in the program name or abbreviation acronym.

Producers who have suffered a disaster due to severe weather conditions should read the fact sheets to see if you qualify. Both ELAP and LIP Sign-ups require a 'Notice of Loss' filed by the earliest of either:

- 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent to the participant, or
- October 30, 2011

An application for payment must be received no later than January 30th.

2012 DCP Signup Begins

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will begin in January 23, 2012 and continue through June 1, 2012. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov or visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2012 DCP Contract. USDA computes 2012 DCP payments using 85 percent of the commodity base acres. NO advance direct payments will be disbursed.

Report All Farm Changes

If you have bought, sold or have had rental changes to your operation, please be sure to inform our office as soon as possible after the changes occur. For program participation, landowner changes will require evidence of the change such as a recorded deed, land contract or real estate bill. Landowners and operators must also inform FSA of any cropland changes to the farm. Conversion of cropland to non-cropland, a non-agricultural use such as new buildings, parking lots, lawns, etc., must be reported to FSA to ensure program eligibility.

County Office Committee Nominee Bio

John Cox: (Eagle Point) I have been involved with farming and livestock since I was a boy growing up in England. I enjoy raising livestock and currently have a flock of 40 sheep, 30 cows, llamas and chickens. I hay local fields in the summer, raise a batch of wiener pigs each fall and enjoy the produce out of my garden all year long. I actively participate in the Jackson County 4-H program as a parent, a project leader for Riverview 4-H Livestock & More and as the Vice President of the 4-H Executive Board. I served four years as President of the Southern Oregon Sheep Producer's group to encourage promotion of sheep production in this county. I look forward to serving on the Farm Service Agency Board.

Teresa Kelly: (Sams Valley) I grew up on a cattle ranch here in the Rogue Valley in the Sams Valley and Table Rocks area. I worked and learned the cattle and farming business with my Dad and Grandpa, and my Mom in the yard and garden. My husband Scott and I purchased and homesteaded 75 acres of land which had been in my family since 1953. The land was used only for spring pasture. For the last several years we have had most of our property enrolled in the CREP program. It is already having a positive effect on the fish and wildlife habitat. I have participated in the Forest Incentive Program performing fuel hazard reduction projects. I am a member of the Seven Basins Watershed Council since its start-up and have served on its Board of Directors for the last few years.

Arthur White: (Rogue River) Owner/operator of Runnymede Farm, a non-certified organic farm producing vegetables, fruit, eggs, milk and meat. All products are raised in a natural farm rhythm without the aid of industrial chemical methods, what was commonly called organic prior to the governmental acquisition of the word. Our goal is to produce products which will provide a healthful benefit. At the same time, we wish to build our soil and still be in concert with the rest of our environment. We offer our produce to the public at the Farmers Markets.

Charles (Charlie) Boyer: (Eagle Point) Our primary production is grass-clover hay and grass fed lamb which we market directly to the consumers. We practice Intensive Management Grazing for all of our livestock. I am a grazing management consultant, working closely with the staff at the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District. I have served on the Jackson SWCD since 1998 and am currently District Chair and recently completed an eight year appointment to the Oregon State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. I am seeking a seat on the FSA County Committee because I believe in the agriculture of Jackson and Josephine Counties. I think we should do as much as possible to keep agriculture strong, efficient, economically sound and environmentally friendly.

Good luck to all of our nominees in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2.



*** **IMPORTANT** ***

Be sure to sign the return label correctly. Look at the address label. If it is addressed to a business name, the person with signature authority for that business should sign stating what capacity i.e., "WTC Farms, by Wiley T Coyote, Manager"; or "Smith Family Trust by Joe Smith, Trustee".

Attention Participating Producers:

Are you expecting a program payment soon? Have you changed banking information? If you need to update your direct deposit information please do so today so your payment will be received timely.

Special Accommodations:

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact their FSA office in person or by phone.

Farm Loan Programs for Youth Projects

FSA makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Loans may not exceed \$5000.

We are here to service the local Ag community. Please support your local farmers.

Farm Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or to improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants, those traditionally underserved by USDA. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

Maybe you know an individual or a group who would benefit from these programs? FSA would be more than happy to schedule a one-on-one meeting or attend your group's meeting, big or small to discuss any of FSA's programs. Feel free to contact our office.

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