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# Klamath County News

## Klamath County USDA Service Center

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<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/or>

**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Lester Sturm, Chair  
Ron Stewart, Vice  
Garry Freitag, Member  
Gerda Hyde, Advisor

**County Executive  
Director** Jennifer Simon,  
ext 107

**Farm Loan Officer**  
Dorothy Scull ext. 104

**Farm Loan Manager**  
Jim Jutson

**Staff**  
Rowena Chase PT ext 108  
Joe Hess, PT ext. 102  
Mary Hope, PT ext. 105  
Dawn Rose, PT ext. 109



## LAA 1 COC Elections

### Voting Begins for Committees

Ballots for this year's county committee election were mailed to eligible voters on November 2. Voters must complete their ballots and return them to the Farm Service Agency county office by the close of business on December 3, 2007. If mailed, ballots must be postmarked by midnight December 3.

Remember to **Vote for only One** choice and **Sign the Ballot Return Envelope** where indicated. **Unsigned ballots are not valid.**

The candidates in this year's election are:

Les Sturm  
William Clanton

Eligible voters in local administrative area three (LAA 1) who have not received a ballot should contact the FSA county office staff.

**Voter Requirements** Persons meeting requirements in **1 or 2, plus 3**, below, are eligible to vote:

**1.** Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as either of the following:

an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper,  
*or*

a partner in a general partnership or member of a joint venture that has an interest in a farm as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper; or

**2.** Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm; *and*

**3.** Eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided by law, regardless of the status of funding.

**Discrimination Prohibited** No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

### Fall Producer Meetings

- ❖ November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Klamath County Farm Service Agency Office 10:00am and 6:00pm
- ❖ November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Merrill Civic Center 10:00am in cooperation with the Modoc and Siskiyou FSA offices
- ❖ November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bonanza Library 6:00pm

Topics to be discussed will include NEW 2005 Livestock Compensation Program, NEW Crop Disaster Program for 2005-2007, Loan Deficiency Payments, Direct Farm Loans including Beginning Farmer and Youth Loans, Socially Disadvantaged Loans, eGov, and County Committee Elections.

An NRCS Representative will also be available to discuss their programs.

For more information contact the FSA of-

fice at 541-883-6924 x 2.

## Remember to Sign-Up For Livestock and Crop Disaster Programs

Agriculture producers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in 2005-2007 are reminded to sign up for three new ad hoc disaster programs. Currently, applications are being accepted for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP).



Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits through the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – sign-up began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) began Oct. 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 for quality losses soon.

Although ending dates for the sign-up periods have not yet been announced, it is important for producers to apply for benefits as soon as possible.

For more information on applying for FSA disaster assistance and to schedule an appointment, please call the Klamath County FSA at 541-883-6924 x 2. Detailed program information about LCP, LIP and CDP is also available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

### USDA to Report Market Gains on IRS Form 1099-G

Producers who have repaid a market gain on a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loan with cash or commodity certifi-

cates in exchange for outstanding loan collateral will now have their market gains reported to the IRS on Form 1099-G.

Due to changes in tax laws, FSA is now required to report to the IRS all market gains associated with the repayment of a CCC loan. A market gain is the difference between the repayment rate, determined by the CCC, and the original loan rate. If the repayment rate drops below the original loan rate then the difference is considered a market gain. Producers will receive, by mail, the amount reported by FSA to the IRS for market gains and storage credits on IRS Form 1099-G.

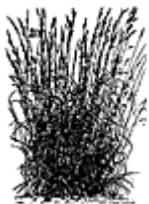
Producers who have questions about how reporting market gains will affect their taxes should contact a tax advisor or visit the IRS website on *Repayment of Commodity Credit Corporation Loans* at [http://www.irs.gov/irb/200733\\_IRB/ar07.html](http://www.irs.gov/irb/200733_IRB/ar07.html).

### Loans for Socially Disadvantaged

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) can make and guarantee loans to eligible socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family size farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders. Contact the local FSA Farm Loan Manager or Officer for more details and assistance in applying.

### PRESTAMOS De OPERACIÓN Y DE COMPRAS DE FINCAS AYUDAN A GRUPOS DE DESVENTAJA SOCIAL

La Agencia de servicios rurales, ó el Farm Service Agency (FSA por sus siglas en Inglés), ofrece prestamos agrícolas con un objetivo especial. Estos prestamos son llamados prestamos de desventaja social ó socially disadvantaged loans, (SDA, por sus siglas en



Inglés). Estos prestamos son diseñados para ayudar a los agricultores a comprar y a operar granjas familiares.

La USDA define a los aplicantes de desventaja social como miembros de un grupo que ha sido sujeto a prejuicio de raza, etnicidad, ó sexo, por resultado de su indetidad como miembros de tal grupo sin tomar en cuenta sus cualidades individuales. Para cumplir con el propósito de este programa, los grupos de desventaja social son: mujeres, Africano Americanos, Indios Americanos y Nativos de Alaska, Hispanos, y Asiáticos y los de Isleños Pacíficos.



Aplicaciones para todos los prestamos directos de FSA son hechos por medio de la oficina local de FSA en el condado de Klamath. La oficina local se encuentra en 2316 S. 6th St., Ste. C, Klamath Falls, OR 97601. (541) 883-6924 ext 104.

## YOUTH LOANS

**Youth Loans** are open to youths 10 to 20 years old, who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States involved in 4-H, FFA or similar organizations.

These loans are to be used to establish and operate income-producing projects. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth practical business and education experience.

The maximum loan amount is \$5,000 and those funds may be used to buy livestock, equipment and supplies; buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment; and/or operating expenses for running the project. Contact the local FSA Farm Loan Manager or Officer for more details and assistance in applying.



## New Face at NRCS

Evelyn Conrad is the new Klamath Falls District Conservationist.

Born and raised on a dry-land wheat farm and cattle ranch in Northeastern Colorado, Evelyn is no stranger to agriculture.

She graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Agriculture Production and began her career with NRCS in Wichita, Kansas. She started working as a part time Conservation Aide, was later hired on full time as a Soil Conservation Technician and eventually was selected to fill the Soil Conservationist position for Sedgwick County.

Evelyn lived in Kansas for 10 years and then moved with her family to Oregon where she worked in the Roseburg field office. After 5 years in Oregon she accepted the District Conservationist position in Junction City, Kansas where she thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with farmers and ranchers in the historic Flint Hills Tall Grass Prairie.

Her husband Chris is a geologist and they have two married children living in Eugene and McMinnville, Oregon.

Evelyn is excited to be back in Oregon and looks forward to meeting you and working in the Klamath Basin.

## Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion

is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

### Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.



The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility re-

Dates to Remember	
November 2	COC Ballots Mailed
November 12	Office Closed for Veterans Day
November 22	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
November 27	Producer Meeting at the Klamath County FSA Office 10:00am and 6:00 pm
November 28	Producer Meeting at the Merrill Civic Center 10:00am
November 29	Producer Meeting at the Bonanza Library 6:00pm
December 3	Last Day to Return Ballots
December 25	Office Closed for Christmas
January 1	Office Closed for New Years Day
March 15, 2008	NAP Deadline for Corn, Peas & all other spring planted crops not listed
Continues	Continuous CRP

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