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## KLICKITAT COUNTY FSA NEWS

### Klickitat County FSA

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### Next COC Meeting

September 26, 2007  
9:00 AM

### Dates to Remember

- LCP and LIP Signup Starts
- Sept. 30 - NAP applications due for 2008 crop year perennial forage, forage seed, mint, wheat
- Oct. 8 - Office closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 15 - Crop Disaster Program Signup Begins
- Nov. 2 - County Committee election ballots mailed
- Dec. 3 - Election ballots due

### FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>  
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>  
USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



## COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

FSA County Committee elections will be held this year in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3. Nominees for the three-year term on the committee are:

Linda Williams. She and her husband raise cattle and hay on an irrigated farm 12 miles west of Goldendale.

Kelly Kreps. He and his family farm in the Glenwood Valley and raise cattle and hay.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters starting November 2, 2007. They are to be returned to the USDA Service Center by **December 3, 2007**. If you are a producer in LAA #3 and do not receive a ballot, contact the Service Center.

## LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAM SIGNUPS START

Signup for two disaster assistance programs for livestock producers has started. As part of recent legislation passed by congress and signed into law, the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) will be implemented to provide assistance to livestock producers for feed losses resulting from natural disasters between January 2005 and February 28, 2007. The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide compensation for physical loss of livestock during the same time period as a result of natural disasters. Losses must have been caused by a disaster receiving a Secretarial or Presidential designation. Klickitat County received a drought designation in 2005 and a variety of designations in 2006. Contact the Service Center if you would like to make an appointment to signup or have questions about either program.

## NON-INSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

**September 30, 2007** is the deadline to apply for the 2008 Non-Insured Assistance (NAP) program for perennial grass seed crops, perennial hay crops, mixed hay crops (even if spring planted) and grazing on seeded pastures and rangeland. The cost is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county. Producers must sign the application and pay the application fee by the deadline to be eligible. Producers with coverage from 2007 only need to submit payment by the deadline to remain eligible. Bring in 2007 forage production to keep your production history up to date. If you had a crop loss in 2007, file a notice of loss at the Service Center.

## FARM LOAN STAFF TO VISIT KLICKITAT SERVICE CENTER

A member of the Farm Loan staff from the Yakima County FSA Office will be in the Klickitat County Office on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. to answer questions and discuss FSA loan programs. FSA has farm loans available for producers who have difficulty obtaining commercial credit, particularly beginning farmers, and also for rural youth participating in 4-H, FFA or similar organizations. If you are in need of a farm loan or already have a loan with FSA, but have questions on your account, please stop by. Appointments are not necessary, but are encouraged. If you are unable to come by on this date, feel free to contact the Yakima County FSA staff at (509) 454-5746 ext. 2 with any questions.

## EMERGENCY USE OF CRP

Emergency Use of CRP has been authorized for Klickitat County producers. Emergency Use allows grazing on CRP acreage, but is limited to producers who lost rangeland due to the Big Horn Complex Fire. Producers who lost rangeland due to the fire may request Emergency Use of CRP and graze their livestock on the CRP acreage for 60 days at no cost to the livestock producer or the CRP contract holder. After 60 days, the producer can move animals to a different location for an additional 60 days, and so on until March 31, 2008. Eligible Producers can request use of CRP acreage in Klickitat County or nearby counties. Contract holders cannot charge for

use of CRP acreage. Emergency Use can follow ground that was used under Emergency Grazing, Emergency Use or Managed Grazing in a prior year. Managed Grazing cannot follow Emergency Use. Emergency Use requires an approved grazing conservation plan prior to grazing.

## **EMERGENCY GRAZING OF CRP**

Due to drought conditions, Klickitat County has been approved for Emergency Grazing on CRP acreage. Producers may graze their livestock on CRP fields for up to 90 days and must agree to a 10% reduction in the CRP annual rental payment. Livestock may graze only 75% of the acreage on a contract, or limit the grazing to 75% of the stocking rate as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The 90 days do not have to be consecutive. Animals need to be removed from CRP by March 31, 2008. Klickitat County producers may request emergency grazing in Klickitat County or nearby counties. Emergency Grazing requires an approved grazing conservation plan prior to grazing.

## **PASTURE NEEDED**

Klickitat County producers who lost pasture during the fires east of Rock Creek this summer are looking for CRP acres to graze. If you have any available, please contact this Service Center.

## **CROP DISASTER PROGRAM STARTS IN OCTOBER**

The recent disaster assistance legislation passed by Congress also included relief for crop producers. The Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will provide monetary relief for production and quality losses for crops produced in 2005, 2006 and 2007 (limited to crops planted prior to February 28, 2007). Signup for CDP for production losses will begin October 15, 2007. An ending date has not been established. Production losses must exceed 35% of normal to be eligible. Only producers with crop insurance coverage for insurable crops or Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops will be eligible for assistance. Quality losses will be considered at a later date.

## **FARM BILL**

Congress continues to debate the next Farm Bill. The current bill expires with the 2007 crop year. At this time our office does not have any information regarding provisions for the next Farm Bill, which is scheduled to be effective for the 2008 crop year.

## **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS**

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing loss. If accommodations are required, please contact Betty Fahlenkamp at (509) 773-5822.