



NEWSLETTER



November 2013

NAP Coverage Deadlines

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Hours

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

County Committee

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**Next county
committee meeting is
scheduled for
December 3, 2013 at
1:00 p.m.**

Office Staff

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Non-Insured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee **MUST** be filed by the crop sales closing date. Contact the county office for the filing dates for your crops.

Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using direct deposit.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program. Individuals interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available, should contact the local FSA office to setup an appointment with a Loan Approval Official.

2014 Acreage Reporting Deadlines

The first acreage reporting deadline in Oregon is November 15th for producers who have purchased a Pasture, Range, and Forage (PRF) policy or an Apiculture policy from their crop insurance agents. December 15th is the deadline for all producers to report the following crops: established or fall planted alfalfa seed, fall canola, perennial forage (except seed), mint, onions (planted 8/15-9/15), fall seeded wheat and barley. January 15th is the deadline for established or fall planted apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, and plums.

Producers failing to report crops timely are required to pay for a farm visit. All crops must be planted before they are reported to FSA. Producers should contact their FSA office to schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Dates to Remember	
Nov 27 th	Office closed—employee on leave
Nov 28 th	Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Nov 29 th	Office closed—employee on leave
Nov 30 th	Deadline for purchasing 2014 NAP for all crops in Lake County except oats.

Selected Interest Rates for November 2013	
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	4.250%
Limited Resource Loans	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.500%
Emergency Loans	2.125%
Farm Storage Facility – 7 year	2.000%
Farm Storage Facility – 10 year	2.625%
Farm Storage Facility – 12 year	3.875%