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## Lake County News

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### Reporting Crop Acreage

Remember to file your annual crop acreage report with the county office. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can help prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program, Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

Crop reports, form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers are required to file reports by August 16, 2010.

### Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

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 2011 crop year must do so by the following deadlines:

- Pasture, alfalfa, grass, mixed forage, barley, rye, triticale and wheat hay—**11-30-2010**
- Oat hay—03-15-2011

The application fee is \$ 250 per crop, \$ 750 per county and \$ 1,875 for multi-county.

Producers with NAP coverage for 2010 must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.
- 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.

### Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

Producers who are planting grains (barley, oats or wheat) for crop year 2010, will be shearing sheep or selling slaughter lambs should be aware that they may be eligible to receive a LDP for these crops. These payments are available when the posted county price is lower than the county loan rate.

The county prices are posted daily, producers will need to contact the county office to find out if there is a LDP available. To be eligible for LDP's, you must comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements and report how you use cropland acreage on the farm. Requesting LDP's has been made easier with the CCC-633 EZ. Complete Page 1 of the EZ form indicating your intention to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest. Once you've signed the EZ form you can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity.

### County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency County Committee election will be held this year on December 6, 2010. A 3-year term is open in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3—Christmas Valley, Fort Rock, Silver Lake. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice. You can nominate yourself if you are personally interested in serving on the committee. Blank nomination forms are available at the Lake County Farm Service Agency Office.

Each nomination form must be:

- Limited to one nominee
- Signed by the nominee
- Postmarked or delivered to the county FSA office no later than August 2, 2010.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation or ownership of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for the committee work. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. FSA County Committee members are paid for their meeting and travel time. County Committee makes the decisions on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments;
- Conservation Programs;
- Incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and
- Other farm disaster assistance.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help run FSA programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on the committee help decide the kind of programs their counties will have and how they will run. They make FSA agricultural programs fit the needs of local producers. Additional information on the county committee election process can be found at:

[www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections)

### **County Committee Election Open House**

The Lake County Farm Service Agency will be hosting an open house on July 21, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and find out about our County Committee election process. Punch and cookies will be served!!

### **2010 Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program (LFP)**

On May 27, 2010 Lake County became eligible for assistance under the 2010 Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program (LFP). Lake County qualified for this program based on the fact that it was listed on the U.S. Drought Monitor at level D2—Drought-Severe beginning on April 1, 2010 and continuing through May 27, 2010. LFP compensates livestock producers for grazing losses resulting from drought.

In order to apply for program benefits, you will need to provide the following information to the county office:

- Livestock numbers on April 1, 2010. Eligible livestock include: adult beef and dairy cattle, adult buffalo and beefalo, heifers and steers over 500 pounds, horses, goats and sheep.
- Copies of BLM and USFS grazing permits.
- Copies of bills from BLM and USFS showing paid for AUM's in 2010.
- Copies of pasture leases for the 2010 grazing season.

Multi-county producers will need to contact the county office in order to determine where to file an application for benefits. The general rule is that the operation will file in the county where the livestock were located at the time of the disaster designation. The deadline to file an application for this program is January 30, 2011.

### **Electronic Services Available**

If a producer has Internet access, program participants can access many services from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours. To participate in these services, you must meet all program eligibility requirements. Online services have stringent security measures to protect your private information. To utilize electronic services a producer needs an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires an e-mail address and filling out an online registration form at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.

### **Important Dates**

July 6, 2010—Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 21, 2010—COC election open house from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 16, 2010—Crop acreage reporting deadline.

September 6, 2010—Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

October 11, 2010—Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

### **Special Accommodations**

FSA programs are available to all eligible interested persons. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required please contact the FSA office.

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