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# Lake County News

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## **County Committee Elections**

The Farm Service Agency County Committee election will be held this year on December 4, 2006. A 3-year term is open in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1—Lakeview. Eligible voters in LAA #1 should begin receiving ballots in the mail during the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>. Completed ballots must be either received by the county office or postmarked by December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please participate in this important process and return your completed ballot to the county office.

## **TAA DEADLINE ANNOUNCED**

If you are a producer of a commodity, which has recently suffered from low prices due to increasing imports, you may be eligible for technical assistance and a financial payment under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. A petition must be filed to USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) between August 15, 2006 and January 31, 2007 in order to receive benefits under the TAA.

Benefits under this program include cash payments and various educational benefits that can include occupational training. In prior years, TAA benefits have been provided to producers of blueberries, concord grapes, potatoes, lychees, avocados, and to fishermen of shrimp and salmon, to name a few.

The petition for benefits must be received by the TAA office by close of business January 31, 2007. The TAA office address is Foreign Agricultural Service, ITP/IPPD, MS-1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021, or facsimile number is (202) 720-0876, or

by e-mail to [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov). Use of fax or email is recommended. For further information or assistance in completing form Fas-930, contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, email: [trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov](mailto:trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov).

## **Beginning Farmer & Rancher Land Contract Guarantee Pilot Program**

Farmers in Oregon may be eligible to participate in a pilot program that may help you, or producers you know, acquire farm land.

The program provides the seller of land a 10-year "prompt payment" guarantee of the sale to the beginning farmer or rancher (buyer). If the buyer does not pay an annual installment due on the contract, or pays only part of an installment, FSA provides the scheduled payment or the unpaid portion to the seller through an escrow agent. The guarantee is limited to the total of two annual installments and also covers the amount of unpaid taxes and insurance for a period of two years.

## **Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)**

The sign-up period for the 2007 program year is from October 1, 2006 through June 1, 2007. Producers are required to annually sign a contract to participate in this program. Please contact our office to either schedule an appointment to complete the required paperwork or to arrange for our office to forward the necessary paperwork to you in the mail.

## **FSA Signature Requirements**

Proper signatures on Farm Service Agency contracts, applications and forms must be submitted before the document will be considered as filed. All entities, including revocable and irrevocable trusts, corporations, partnerships, estates, etc., must provide evidence of signature authority stipulating those individuals who are authorized to represent the entity. FSA cannot accept signatures without such documentation on file.

Examples of acceptable evidence include trust agreements, corporate charters or resolutions, partnership agreements and court orders of appointment. Spouses can sign for one another on most program documents unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office staff. An FSA-211 may be filed to delegate signature authority for FSA program purposes to another individual.

## **Important Dates**

November 10, 2006—Office closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

November 23, 2006—Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

December 4, 2006—Final date to return county committee election ballot for LAA #1.

December 25, 2006—Office closed for Christmas holiday.

January 1, 2007—Office closed for New Year's holiday.

## **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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