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## Lane County OR FSA News

### TIDBITS:

All Oregon FSA offices now have new FAX numbers. As part of USDA's ongoing cost reduction efforts, we are implementing a "Fax2Mail" service. Lane County's new FAX number, effective immediately, is: **877.885.8382**

You are reminded that **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should notify me by phone, e-mail, or in person. This service is provided for office visits and any special event sponsored by FSA.

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### FSA ALLOWS LENDERS TO USE EVALUATIONS INSTEAD OF APPRAISALS FOR LOANS OF \$250,000 OR LESS

Lenders that originate Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteed loans may now use internal real estate "collateral evaluations" to support loan requests of \$250,000 or less, rather than appraisals.

This policy change will allow lenders more flexibility and a faster underwriting process, and is consistent with industry standards.

Lenders must follow their regulator's "Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines" and apply these same policies to FSA guaranteed loans as non-guaranteed loans. In addition, lenders should request an appraisal when they would do so for unguaranteed loans even if the loan is under the threshold, such as when the expected loan-to-value is above their established standards.

A description of the method of establishing the real estate value –

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whether appraisal or evaluation – needs to be described to FSA in their credit presentation.

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## PRIMARY NESTING SEASON FOR CRP CONTRACTS

For producers who have approved Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, the Primary Nesting Season begins March 1 and continues through July 15, 2014.

**Lane County Committee:**  
Harry McIntire, Chair  
Bart Edwards, Vice-Chair  
Gary Smith  
Maryrae Thomson

During the **Primary Nesting Season (PNS)** producers are required to limit activity on their CRP acres. However, there are some exceptions pertaining to spot treatment of weeds. If you have CRP acreage that needs to be treated for weeds and have questions, please contact our office.

**Next County Comm Meeting:**

May 8, 2014 at 9:00 am

If you need technical assistance with weed control measures, contact NRCS personnel, Kate Danks in Newport 541.265.2631 or Tom Burnham in Eugene 541.465.6443 Ext 108.

Your request must be submitted to our office and approved **PRIOR** to any weed control activities during the PNS.

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## 2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit our office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Lane County:

May 15 Cabbage (planted 3/12 – 4/20)  
July 15 Grass Seed, CRP, Spring Alfalfa Seed, Cabbage (planted 4/21–6/10), Onions (planted 2/15–5/15), **ALL OTHER CROPS**  
Aug 15 Cabbage (planted 6/11-8/10)

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of “cover only,” “green manure,” “left standing,” or “seed,” then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact our office.

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## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFLP) allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Additional

security is required for poured-cement open-bunker silos, renewable biomass facilities, cold storage facilities, hay barns and for all loans exceeding \$50,000. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain
- Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain
- Pulse crops - lentils, small chickpeas, dry beans and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables - cold storage facilities
- Honey

For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## **NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) & CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM SALES CLOSING DATES**

NAP is a program that helps producers reduce their risk when growing food and fiber crops, specialty crops and crops for livestock feed. These benefits are only available for crops for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is not available. The service fee applied to the program is \$250 per crop per county, or \$750 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1875 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties. **NAP Losses must be reported within 15 days of loss or when the loss becomes apparent.**

**MARCH 15 NAP Sales Closing Date** - Beans/fresh, broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, sweet corn/fresh, cucumber, lentils, mustard, oats/hay, peas, potato, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato, watermelon

**MAY 15 NAP Sales Closing Date** – Buckwheat

For information on Crop Insurance (Risk Management Agency) policies, visit their publications & fact sheets page at: [http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/wa\\_rso/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/wa_rso/)

**MARCH 15 – Crop Insurance Sales Closing Date** - AGR-Lite (new), barley, beans/processed, field corn/silage, sweet corn/processed, spring oats/grain.

**MAY 1 – Crop Insurance Sales Closing Date** - Nursery

**ON-GOING APPLICATION PROCESS - Crop Insurance** - Livestock Gross Margin and Livestock Risk Protection

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**MAR 1-JUL 15** CREP contract holders, Primary Nesting Season Restrictions  
**MAY 8** County Committee Meeting – Contact office to verify if meeting will be held  
**MAY 26** Memorial Day observed, Eugene USDA Service Center closed

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