



LANE COUNTY - FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought from eligible candidates to represent Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 includes the Junction City, North & West Eugene, and Highway 36 to Deadwood areas of Lane County.

Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice by petition (form FSA-669-A). **Petitions must be received in our office by August 1, 2006.**

Persons nominated must be of legal age and have an interest in a farm or ranch as an owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper and be eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided by law, regardless of funding. See enclosed petition for more info and visit the following website: www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections

A listing of known farm/ranch owners and operators in LAA1 is posted in our office for your information.

Because USDA encourages diversity on the Committee, women in agriculture and persons of different ethnic or racial backgrounds are encouraged to seek nomination.

A brief informational meeting will be held in our office on May 18th beginning at 9 am to explain COC member duties and the COC nomination and election process. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to visit the Eugene Service Center should contact Jean Larkin at 465-6443 Ext 101, or e-mail jean.larkin@or.usda.gov prior to the meeting date.

The Committee election will be held on December 4, 2006.

EMERGENCY LOANS AVAILABLE

Lane County was designated a primary ag disaster county due to crop losses caused by excessive rains during the period of March 16 - May 16, 2005. The deadline to apply for emergency loans with this basis is June 18, 2006.

Lane County is also eligible for loans based on the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides occurring December 18, 2005 through January 21, 2006. The deadline to apply for emergency loans with this basis is November 20, 2006.

If you are interested in applying for an emergency loan or getting more information, contact the Farm Loan staff located in the Tangent USDA Service Center at 541.967.5925 Ext 2. Or E-mail the Farm Loan Manager, pat.joerger@or.usda.gov

2006 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP)

Contracts must be signed by **June 1, 2006**. Those who sign after 6/1/06 and before 9/30/06 will be assessed a late-filed fee of \$100 per contract. Contracts with signatures received after 9/30/06 can not be paid.

All supporting documentation must be submitted before payments can be issued.

Contact **PHIL** to make an appointment.

DCP Advance Payment Changes

On February 8, 2006, President Bush signed the Agricultural Reconciliation Act. This law reduces the advance payment for the DCP program from 50% to 40% for crop year 2006. The advance payment will be reduced to 22% for crop year 2007.

This change affects 2006 contracts that were enrolled after February 8, 2006.

Reminder for Fruit/Vegetable/Nut (FAV) producers with DCP contracts... FAV planted on DCP contract acres will result in a payment reduction. How many acres of FAV can you plant? Call **Jean**.

>>>2006 Crop Acreage Reporting<<<

2006 Crop Reports must be filed by **JUNE 30, 2006**.

Participants under the DCP Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Crop Loss filers, and Loan Deficiency Payments (includes wool producers) are **REQUIRED** to file reports.

Call **PHIL** for an appointment or to have photocopies sent.

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E-GOV: Producers can now conduct some program business with USDA on-line. Register for a level 2 account at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov then visit our office for the required identity verification. Give us a call for more info.

New Toll-Free Number Available for FSA Direct Loan Borrowers

Direct Loan Borrowers can now check the status of their accounts around the clock using a new toll free number. The telephone system provides FSA direct loan borrowers with loan numbers, original loan amount, unpaid principal, if the borrower is delinquent and the amount of the delinquency, due date of next installment, principal and interest amount of next installment, date last payment was received, amount of interest paid in current calendar year, and amount of interest paid for prior loan year.

When calling in, borrowers will be required to enter the Tax ID number or Social Security Number associated with your loan. You will also be required to create a Personal Identification Number to ensure your info remains secure. The number is 1-888-518-4983 and is available in English and Spanish. The system delivers info on active loans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Milk Income Loss Contract Program Extension (MILCX) Initial signup enrollment in MILCX began March 13, 2006 and ends May 17, 2006 for program benefits. Producers who do not signup during the initial signup period may enroll during the extended signup period beginning May 18, 2006 continuing through September 30, 2007. The MILCX program compensates dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below \$16.94 per cwt.

Enrollment forms and additional information have already been sent to all known Lane County dairies. If you are a dairy and did not receive that information, please call Patti and request a packet.

General Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Enrollment The latest CRP signup period ends April 14, 2006. Ag producers can make offers for the CRP competitive sign-up based on five environmental factors (wildlife, water, soil, air, and enduring benefits) and cost. CRP is a voluntary program that helps ag producers protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers with the USDA providing rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance. Please contact Patti by the 14th if you want to submit a bid.

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