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## Lane County Oregon FSA Updates

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## County Committee Nominations

The Lane FSA County Committee is seeking nominations for Local Administrative Area 2 which includes farmers, ranchers, and landowners from Coburg, Creswell, Springfield, Hwy 58, and Hwy 126 areas of Lane County. **The nomination period runs June 17, 2013 through August 1, 2013.**

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

For more info contact your local FSA office or visit the following web sites:

o English: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/fsa0669a\\_english\\_form.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_english_form.pdf)

o Spanish: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/fsa0669a\\_es\\_130405v01.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_es_130405v01.pdf)

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## DCP/ACRE Deadlines Approach

The sign-up period for DCP is still open; **producers must enroll before the August 2, 2013 deadline**. The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012.

Please call or e-mail NOW for an appointment to enroll your eligible farms.

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## 2013 Crop Reporting

Four short weeks remain until all 2013 crop acreages must be reported.

**Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops enrolled in programs other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program), acreage reports are to be certified by July 15.**

Acreage reports on crops covered by NAP are due in the county office the earlier of 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported or July 15.

**CALL OUR OFFICE NOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO REPORT ACRES ONCE YOUR SPRING CROPS HAVE BEEN PLANTED.**

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## Farm Reconstitutions

For FSA program purposes, tracts having the same owner and the same operator are grouped under one farm serial number. When changes in 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. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

**Estate Method** — 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.

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## Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by FSA. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call our office and we will make any needed arrangements.

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## Sodbusting

Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in FSA programs. Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage before bringing land into production.

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## Controlled Substances

Program participants convicted under federal or state law of any planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits.

If convicted of one of these offenses, the program participant shall be ineligible during that crop year and the four succeeding crop years for Direct and Counter-Cyclical payments, price support loans, loan deficiency payments, market loan gains, storage payments, farm facility loans, Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments or disaster payments.

Program participants convicted of any federal or state offense consisting of the distribution (trafficking) of a controlled substance shall, at the discretion of the court, be ineligible for any or all program payments and benefits:

- \* For up to 5 years after the first conviction
- \* For up to 10 years after the second conviction
- \* Permanently for a third or subsequent conviction.

Program participants convicted of federal or state offense for the possession of a controlled substance shall be ineligible, at the discretion of the court, for any or all program benefits as follows:

- \* Up to one year upon the first conviction
- \* Up to five years after a second or subsequent conviction.

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