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## Lane County Oregon FSA News

Producers are encouraged to call and make appointments before stopping by the office to report 2014 crop acreages, enroll in the Livestock Forage Loss Program and report farm record changes for FSA or NRCS programs. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00a – 4:30p.

We will be closed on Friday July 4 in observance of Independence Day, please celebrate safely!!

Jean Larkin, CED

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## Nominations Being Accepted for County Committee Position

The Lane FSA County Committee is seeking nominations for Local Administrative Area 3 which includes farmers, ranchers, and landowners from the **Oakridge, Cottage Grove, Lorane, Veneta, Hwy 126 west, and the Coastal areas** of Lane County. A map of the election area is posted in our office.

### The nominations are due in our office August 1, 2014.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others, and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>. Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

Contact our office or visit the County Committee Elections website to learn more about the County Committee election process at:  
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>

The nomination form can be found at these websites:

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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)

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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**Next County Committee Meeting:**

July 31, 2014 9:00a call to verify meeting will be held

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## Special Accommodations Available

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact our office staff prior to your office visit.

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## 2014 Acreage Report Deadline Nears, July 15

With the 2014 Farm Bill passed, and anticipation of 2014 programs being released, it is important to timely complete the Acreage Reporting requirement now. We understand that many of you are unsure if you would like to continue to participate, but we encourage you to timely file your acreage report in order to alleviate late-file fees or program eligibility issues in the future.

**Producers must certify their 2014 acreage by July 15, 2014.**

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting date:

- 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.

To schedule an appointment please contact our office at 541.465.6443 Ext 2 or e-mail us.

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## USDA's Farm Service Agency Offers Farm Bill Website and Online Overview of Farm Bill Programs

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the Act), also known as the 2014 Farm Bill, was signed by President Obama on Feb. 7, 2014. The Act repeals certain programs, continues some programs with modifications, and authorizes several new programs administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Most of these programs are authorized and funded through 2018.

For the latest on 2014 Farm Bill programs administered by FSA, please visit our Farm Bill website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/farmbill) and for an FSA program overview please read, download and/or print our recently posted FSA Farm Bill Fact Sheet titled, [What's in the 2014 Farm Bill for Farm Service Agency Customers?](#)

For more information on FSA, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit us online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Compliance

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, they must be compliant with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions. Farmers with HEL determined soils must apply tillage, crop residue and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan.

Producers should notify FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to ensure compliance. If you intend to clear any trees to create new cropland, these areas will need to be reviewed to ensure any work will not jeopardize your eligibility for benefits.

Landowners and operators can complete form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to determine whether a referral to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is necessary.

For more information on Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions, contact a FSA County Office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan (ML) program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Individuals who are interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available should contact their local FSA office to set up an appointment with a loan official. **For the Lane, Linn, Benton and Lincoln county area, contact Donna Sprenkle (X105) or Patty Curtis (X106) in the Tangent FSA Office, 541.967.5925.**

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