

LANE COUNTY - FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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COUNTY COMMITTEE

Pam Detering, Chairperson
Andy Petersen, Vice-Chair
Harry McIntire, Member

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COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION RESULTS

COC election ballots were counted at the December meeting with these results:

Re-Elected to COC: **Pam Detering**
First Alternate: **Caleb Crumrine**

These people represent the agricultural producers from the Junction City, north/west Eugene, Hwy 36 areas of Lane County.

We thank them for running in the election and for the service they will provide during their three-year term.

DEADLINE: FILE FOR WOOL & PELTS

January 31, 2007 is the deadline to request loans or Loan Deficiency Payments on 2006-crop shorn wool, unshorn pelts, and mohair.

Crop year is based on the calendar year in which the wool/mohair is shorn. For unshorn pelts it is the calendar year in which the unshorn lamb is slaughtered.

LANE COUNTY PESTICIDE COLLECTION PLANNED

From: Ross Penhallegon, OSU Lane County Extension Agent.

"Growers in the Lane County area have a free, no-risk opportunity to get rid of old pesticides (including oil) and old mercury. A post card of information will be mailed the first week of January and a survey requesting information on the amount and kinds of pesticide will be mailed on January 8.

The tentative collection dates are February 7, 9, 21 and 23. Growers will be scheduled after we receive the survey to know how much material you have. Also, we are working on possible repacking or providing plastic bags to help contain damaged bags or containers.

If you have pesticides and haven't received a post card by February 8, call 541-682-4243 and we will send you the necessary information."

FOREIGN OWNERS MUST REPORT

Foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land (including timber) are required by law to report their holdings, acquisitions, dispositions, leases of 10+ years, and land use changes. Failure to report within 90 days could result in a civil penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of the land.

LOANS FOR BEGINNING FARMERS, SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Socially disadvantaged groups are Hispanics, American Indians, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women.

Contact the Farm Loan staff located at the Tangent USDA Service Center at 541-967-5925.

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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.

You can find out more about this program by calling the Farm Loan staff at the Tangent office, 541-967-5925.

DCP SIGNUP AND ACREAGE REPORTING - Give Phil a call (Ext 105) to schedule your appointment to enroll in 2007's Direct-Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program and to report your crops.

Deadline to enroll in DCP is June 1, 2007.

eGOV IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE Use your home computer to file forms, apply for programs, and learn how FSA can help you! Clients may register online at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. After you have registered online, you will need to visit your local FSA Office to have your identity verified by an FSA employee. After your ID has been verified and a Level 2 account is activated you're ready to do business with FSA online.

A customer with a Level 2 account can access the following: Customer Payment Statements, Loan Deficiency Payment processing, Direct-Counter Cyclical Payment Program processing, Financial Services and Inquiries, on-line forms.

A whole new world is awaiting you: give us a call for assistance in getting started.

OFFICE CLOSURE:

December 25, 2006
January 1, 2007
January 15, 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR