

Lane County Farm Service Agency

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2008 Dates to Remember



- ☞ March Woman's History Month
- ☞ March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ☞ March 15 NAP & Federal Crop Insurance Deadline
(Spring Planted Annual Crops)
- ☞ March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- ☞ March 23 Easter Sunday

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Deadline – March 15, 2008

Producers who wish to apply for insurance coverage for spring planted annual crops (ex. peas, lentils) under the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) have until **March 15** to apply for coverage. NAP insurance is available for crops that are not insured by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). Contact the Lane County FSA office to see if your spring planted crop qualifies! Coverage costs \$100/crop.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to weather related events.



NEW FARM INSURANCE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FROM RMA!

Risk Management Agency (RMA) is a USDA agency that helps producers manage their business risk through effective, market-based risk management solutions. RMA has developed the following policies that are available to Oregon producers. For more information on the programs noted below, contact Mary Lou Casey, in the Spokane Regional Office.

LIVESTOCK RISK PROTECTION (LRP)

LRP policies offer protection against a decline in **fed cattle, feeder cattle, hog and lamb** prices below an established coverage price. Producers may select from a variety of coverage levels and insurance periods that correspond with the time their specific livestock would normally be sold. Purchase of LRP must be made through an authorized livestock insurance agent. To find an authorized agent, go to: www3.rma.usda.gov/apps/agents/

ADJUSTED GROSS REVENUE LITE (AGR-Lite)

The AGR-Lite program provides whole-farm annual income coverage against natural perils and price fluctuation. AGR-Lite coverage is based on your personal historical allowable income from 2002-2006 Schedule F (or equivalent) reports to the IRS and your intended commodity report for 2008. The policy covers most commodities produced in the Willamette Valley, including livestock. Coverage can be purchased for up to \$1,000,000 farm income and the deadline for purchase is **March 15, 2008**.

For more information on RMA Insurance Options contact:
Mary Lou Casey – Spokane Regional RMA Office – (509) 228-6325
Mary.lou.casey@rma.usda.gov www.rma.usda.gov

Beware of Crop Insurance Rebating Schemes!

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have approached producers with rebating offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal. RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. Producers found to participate in illegal rebating activities **will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs**. Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline at 1-800-424-9121.

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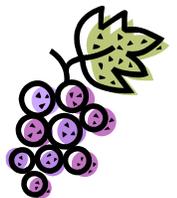
Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) & Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

- LCP compensates livestock producers for **grazing or feed losses** resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.
- LIP compensates livestock producers for **death losses** resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007.
- **Producers who owned eligible livestock in 2005, 2006, or 2007 may be eligible for benefits. Contact Phil, 541-465-6443 ext. 105 in the FSA office to set up an appointment.**



Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to producers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007. Only producers who obtained FCIC crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Contact Patti, 541-465-6443 ext. 104 in the FSA office to set up an appointment.



CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

CREP is a jointly funded program by the federal government and the State of Oregon. Program objectives include: reducing sediment and nutrient pollution from Ag lands, stabilizing stream banks with adequate vegetation, reducing water temperatures, improving habitat for fish species, and providing a mechanism for farmers to help meet water quality requirements established by federal and state laws.

FSA provides participants with annual rental payments for the life of the contract and cost sharing on practice installation.

There are also incentive payments based on the cost of establishing the practice. The program targets the use of Riparian Buffers, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Habitat Buffers, and Wetland Buffers to meet the objective of the program.

Interested in Applying? Call Patti Anderson, 541-465-6443 x104

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