

LANE COUNTY - FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION COMING

The period to nominate candidates for the upcoming county committee election is closed. Nomination forms were received for **Caleb Crumrine** and **Pam Detering**, both of Junction City. The election will be held for representation for the Junction City, North & West Eugene, and Highway 36 to Deadwood areas of Lane County.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters by November 3rd. Voted and signed ballots must be returned to our office by December 4th. Ballots will be counted on December 7th.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP is available for all crops not covered under Federal Crop Insurance. NAP provides catastrophic level coverage (50% yield/55% price) to crops damaged by weather events. Cost is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county. **Application closing dates** for 2007 crops:

10/1/06 Grass, alfalfa, small grain (fall or spring planted), other forage, grazing, mint, grass seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, and any other perennial not mentioned

11/22/06 ALL fruit crops, honey

3/15/07 All spring planted crops not mentioned

5/31/07 Buckwheat

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP's)

Producers who planted grains (barley, oats, wheat), or silage corn for crop year 2006; will be shearing sheep or selling slaughter lambs should be aware that they may be eligible to receive an LDP for these crops. The payments are available when the posted county price is lower than the county loan rate. The county prices are posted daily. Producers need to contact the county office to find out if there is an LDP rate available.



To be eligible for LDP's, you must comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements, beneficial interest requirements, and have reported your farm crop acres.

Requesting LDP's has been made easier with the CCC-633 EZ. Complete page 1 of the EZ form indicating your intention to receive LDP benefits BEFORE losing interest in the crop. Once you've signed the form you can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period, before or after losing beneficial interest.

Give Patti a call for more information.

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Our office will be closed Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

The CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT

PROGRAM (CREP) offers incentives encouraging landowners to retire farmland on high priority environmental areas. Marginal pastureland along riparian buffers can be enrolled in CREP where a one-time sign-up incentive and practice incentive payments can be earned in addition to annual payments that are earned for the life of the contract. Contracts vary in length from 10 to 15 years.

Cost-shares are paid at 50% federal and 25% state for establishing riparian buffers. Cost-share items include site preparation, tree and shrub plantings, and fencing and alternative water facilities where livestock are present. The riparian buffer must be excluded from grazing or harvesting, and be allowed to function for wildlife and water quality concerns.

Incentives include: Sign-up Incentive Payment (SIP) of \$10/acre for each full year of the contract (not to exceed ten years); and Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) of 40% of the total eligible cost of establishing riparian buffers, filter strips, grass waterways and shallow water areas for wildlife.

FARM RECORDS WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

The Cascade Pacific RC&D (Resource Conservation & Development) has provided the following information:

Come join us for a free breakfast or dinner and meeting on farm records. Are you interested in:

- Eligibility for cost-share programs and grants
- Tracking your inputs and outputs to optimize profit
- Value added agriculture thru sustainability certification
- The quality of your drinking water
- You and your family's health
- Protecting natural resources that support your business
- Pesticide certification credits may be available

Workshop Dates & Locations:

MONROE

October 18 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Dinner
Monroe High School
365 N Fifth St
Monroe OR

COBURG

November 1 6:00 am – 7:30 am Breakfast
Odd Fellows Hall
91119 Willamette St
Coburg OR

JUNCTION CITY

November 8 6:00 am – 7:30 am Breakfast
Scandia Hall
195 W 5th St
Junction City OR

Other dates and sites out of our area have also been set. Contact Cascade Pacific RC&D for that information.

RSVP by October 13th to reserve your space in one of the workshops.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PAYMENT LIMITATION RULES - Certain FSA benefits may not be provided until payment eligibility determinations are made. Forms for this purpose must be filed before an application is approved or payment made. Any determination of person ineligibility or “not actively engaged in farming” results in the applicant’s ineligibility to receive program payments.

Providing Information Statutory provisions require that all entities--individuals, partnerships, joint operations, corporations, trusts, etc.--provide the names, addresses and ID numbers of the entity’s members to the county committee. Also, entities must inform their members of the requirement for designating “permitted entities” for payment purposes. Spouses may be considered separate “persons” for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and all the applicable requirements to be determined a “person” are met.

Programs and Payment Limits The following programs are subject to payment limitation.

- DCP: Direct Payment - \$40,000 per crop year
- LDP’s: \$75,000 per crop year
- Emergency Conservation Prog - \$200,000
- Conservation Reserve Prog - \$50,000 per fiscal year
- Environmental Quality Incentive Payments - \$450,000 through the life of the farm bill
- Counter-Cyclical Payment - \$65,000 per crop year
- Market Gains: \$75,000 per crop year
- Noninsured Assistance Prog - \$100,000 per crop year

Farm Record & Direct Deposit Changes

- If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to our office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.
- For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract.
- **Remember to file a new Direct Deposit form with our office if your bank routing number or personal account number has changed. The banks DO NOT notify us! Changes that you have made, but not reported to us, delay your payments.**
- **IF YOU NO LONGER OWN OR OPERATE AGRICULTURAL LAND, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST.**

eGov is available on-line: Producers have the ability to apply for program assistance, via their home computers. Interested producers must first obtain a Level 2 clearance before using this system. You can register online at www.egov.usda.gov or you can visit our office to obtain the required Level 2 authority. Once this is done, your ID verified by the FSA office, and your account activated, you can go on-line to do USDA business.

Level 2 authority will allow you access to: LDP programs, DCP programs, Farm Loan Programs, Financial Services, and your personal Customer Payment Statements.

Two Upcoming Observances:

**September 15 – October 15
Month of October**

**National Hispanic Heritage Month
National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations to visit the Eugene USDA Service Center should contact Jean Larkin at 541-465-6443 Ext 101, or e-mail jean.larkin@or.usda.gov .