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# LINCOLN COUNTY FSA NEWS

## Lincoln County FSA

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### Web Sites

National USDA  
<http://www.usda.gov>

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<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/state/offapp?mystate=wa&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>

### Dates to Remember

Mar. 15: Deadline to buy NAP coverage on spring planted crops, as well as AGR-Lite Crop Insurance.

Mar. 31: Final date to obtain 2006 crop wheat and barley commodity loans.

### 2006 Lincoln Co. Loan Rates

SWW Wheat:	\$2.90/Bu.
HRS and HWS Wheat:	\$3.15/Bu.
HRW and HWW Wheat:	\$3.18/Bu.
Durum Wheat:	\$3.53/Bu.
Barley:	\$2.08/Bu.
	or \$86.67/Ton
Oats:	\$1.28/Bu.
	or \$80.00/Ton
Dry Peas:	\$6.63/Cwt.

Please periodically check the condition of farm-stored grain under loan, and also notify our office prior to moving these commodities.

Please contact our office regarding any direct deposit bank account and/or farm record changes.



## 2007 DCP Signup

Signup for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) has generally been delayed for about 2 months, to complete a mandatory improper payment and eligibility review in the office. The good news is that we are now proceeding with the DCP signup. The not so good news is that the current DCP signup process takes some extra time compared to past years, as eligibility files will also be reviewed with producers at the same time.

Nevertheless, we are working with and through a list of producers who have notified our office of their intention to sign up for the program. If you would like to get your name on the list to sign up, please call our office and your name will be added to it. Producers will then be called by our office in the order that their names were received on the list, to arrange for an actual office appointment to complete the signup.

Producers signing up for DCP agree to:

- Comply with highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions on all farms.
- Devote acreage equal to the contract acreage to an agricultural or conserving use.
- Effectively control noxious weeds, and otherwise maintain contract acres according to sound agricultural practices.
- Not plant Fruits and Vegetables (FAV) or harvest them on contract acres. (Please check with the office if planting fruits and vegetables as there are some exceptions in terms of what is considered a FAV crop, and there are also some special payment reduction provisions if a farm or producer has a history of growing fruits and vegetables.
- File annual acreage reports with respect to all cropland on farms.
- Notify our office when there is a transfer or change of interest on farms.

Signup continues through **June 1, 2007** with advance direct payments this year issued at 22% of established rates (\$.52/Bu. wheat; \$.24/Bu. Barley; etc.), and final direct payments being made at 78% of these rates in October 2007.

## Conservation Reserve Program

USDA has announced its assumption that no *general* Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signups will be held for fiscal years 2007 or 2008. Part of this decision is based upon the increased need for crops being raised on cropland which will be used in the production of ethanol. However, *continuous* CRP signups for high priority practices on environmentally sensitive land such as for example contour buffer strips, filter strips, and riparian forest buffers, will proceed without interruption.

Also, field spot checks were made by our FSA office last year on CRP contracts expiring 2007 through 2010, for the purpose of verifying that required maintenance measures were being performed on this acreage. These visits were done to determine if the CRP contract acreage was eligible to be Re-enrolled or Extended (REX) as provided under program provisions in the context of acquiring additional contractual years.

At any rate, for those producers who have already been notified by letter of the status of their contract acres, and have agreed to complete various weed control measures, replant failed acres, etc., then it is those producer's responsibility to make sure that the work is completed timely, and according to the revised conservation plan that was signed. Consequently, the office staff will be conducting spot checks this year of these revised plans to make sure the required work is completed as planned.

### Noninsured Crop Loss Coverage

Producers are reminded that **March 15, 2007** is the application closing date for obtaining Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) disaster coverage on spring planted crops such as small grain hay (wheat, barley, oats, and pea) forage, summer planted buckwheat, as well as vegetable seed crops. The cost of coverage is \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer per county. NAP works like a crop insurance policy providing benefits to producers who suffer qualifying losses greater than 50% of an approved Actual Production History (APH) yield. Losses on the first 50% are not eligible for benefit. Also, NAP crop losses due to weather related events must be reported to FSA not later than 15 days after the occurrence.

### 2006 Program Earnings Statement

Form CCC-199G, Report of Producer Payments, was mailed approximately January 31, 2007 to all FSA program participants that received payments in 2006. These reports are mailed from FSA's Kansas City office. If you did not receive the report, or the report does not match your records, please contact our office immediately so that corrective action can be taken.

Also, in past years, FSA has provided producer refund information on the CCC-1099G as a customer service, but there is not an IRS requirement to do so. Consequently, beginning in 2006, refund information was not and will no longer be reported by FSA on future 1099's, but it is available when inquiring to the county FSA office. Producers may also obtain this data from their online Customer Statement by logging in with a Level 2 USDA E-authentication ID and password. If you do not yet have a Level 2 E-auth. account, please visit the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> for more information.

### Crop Marketing Loans

The final date for applying for commodity marketing loans for 2006 wheat, barley, and oats is **March 31, 2007**. Peas, lentils, corn, and oil seed crops have a loan deadline of **May 31, 2007**. Please additionally note that 2006 peas and lentils presently have a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) rate, and the May 31, 2007 application deadline similarly applies. The interest rate for March 2007 is 6.125 percent.

Lincoln County 2007 loan rates have also been announced for several crops which are as follows:

	<u>2007 Loan Rate</u>	<u>Change from 2006</u>
Soft White Wheat	\$2.79/Bu.	Down \$.11/Bu.
Hard Red Spring Wheat *	\$3.07/Bu.	Down \$.08/Bu.
Hard Red Winter Wheat **	\$3.24/Bu.	Up \$.06/Bu.
Durum Wheat	\$3.27/Bu.	Down \$.26/Bu.
Barley	\$2.12/Bu. (\$88.33/Ton)	Up \$.04/Bu.
Oats	\$1.30/Bu. (\$81.25/Ton)	Up \$.02/Bu.
Corn	\$2.38/Bu.	Up \$.05/Bu.
Canola	\$7.22/Cwt.	Down \$.02/Cwt.
Mustard	\$8.45/Cwt.	Up \$.13/Cwt.
Safflower	\$8.44/Cwt.	Up \$.06/Cwt.

\* Also applies to Hard White Spring Wheat

\*\* Also applies to Hard White Winter Wheat

### Disaster Emergency Loans

Applications for low interest (3.75 percent) disaster emergency loans in conjunction with winter storms which occurred Dec. 14, 2006 to Jan. 2007 will be accepted through **September 30, 2007** by calling the FSA Loan Office in Spokane at (509) 924-7350.

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