

MARION COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS BITS

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Dates to Note:

August 3, 2009 -	County Committee Nomination Filing Deadline
August 14, 2009 -	2009 DCP/ACRE Signup Deadline
September 7, 2009 -	Office Closed, Labor Day (Holiday Observed)
Continuous -	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program



FSA COC Nomination Deadline

Right now, producers can have an impact on the election of the county committee by nominating eligible candidates by the August 3, 2009, deadline.

Nominees must complete and sign form FSA-669A. The form is available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. The forms must be postmarked or received in the county office by close of business on August 3, 2009.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms.

Ballots will be mailed to producers beginning November 6, 2009. The completed ballots are due back in the county office by December 7, 2009.

DCP & ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. Signup for the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) option is also available through August 14, 2009.

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market process. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

The new ACRE Program is an option for eligible DCP farms that allows participants to receive additional payments based on crop revenue reductions instead of only low national prices. Revenue considers both yields and prices. Note that there must be both a revenue reduction for the farm and at least a 10% revenue reduction for the State.

Crop Reporting Deadline

Annual acreage reports must account for all cropland on a farm. In Oregon the crop reporting deadline is August 14th, 2009.

Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs including the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

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Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Livestock producers can begin applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program or LIP. Part of the Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance or SADA, LIP provides financial assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from natural disaster. This program compensates livestock owners and contract growers of livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, certain diseases, wildfires, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Please note that drought is not a qualifying event.

Eligible losses must have occurred on or after January 1, 2008 and before October 1, 2011. The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

For more information on LIP or any other FSA programs, please visit or contact the Marion County FSA Office or you can find additional information on <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) & Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Program

Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) provides producers with interim financing at harvest or at shearing time to meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. Allowing producers to store production at harvest or shearing facilitates more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year.

Producers participating in this program may choose to receive a 9-month MAL loan against their crop. Or if prices are low, may choose to be paid a LDP instead of taking out a loan. LDPs are direct payments that provide a payment when crop prices are low and do not have to be repaid. LDP payments are triggered only when the Posted County Price (PCP) falls below the commodity loan rate.

Currently 27 commodities are eligible for the 2009-2012 MAL and LDP program. Some of the eligible commodities are: barley, canola, corn, graded wool, honey, hullless barley, hullless oats, mohair, mustard seed, nongraded wool, oats, and wheat. Hay, silage, and unshorn pelts are eligible for LDP, but not for MAL.

If you would like to find out more about this program's requirements, producer and crop eligibility, or current loan rates, please contact the Marion County FSA Office or you can visit us on the world-wide web at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

FSA Disaster Assistance Risk Management Purchase Requirement Reminder

The new Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance (SADA) programs include:

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE)
- Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Livestock Forage Program (LFP)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)

These new disaster programs now require producers to insure all crops of “economic significance” on the farm to be eligible for disaster assistance. The term “Economic Significance” implies any single crop’s revenue totaling greater than 5% of the total farm revenue for that crop year.

Producers may elect to not insure crops that total less than 5% of the total farm revenue by electing “de-minimus” on those crop(s). Producers electing “de-minimus” on a crop or crops shall not be required to purchase insurance for those crops. As a result, elected crops will not be included in the calculated revenue or losses for the farm for the crop year for disaster payments.

To be eligible for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing at least the CAT level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or NAP coverage for non-insurable crops.

To be eligible for Livestock Forage Program (LFP), producers must meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement by purchasing or obtaining for the grazing land incurring the losses where assistance is being requested, a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act, including pilot programs such as the Pasture, Rangeland, Forage Program (PRF) or NAP coverage by filing the required paperwork and paying the administrative fee by the applicable State filing deadline.

The Risk Management Purchase Requirement does not apply to LIP. Please contact the Marion County FSA Office if you would like to inquire about this or any other FSA program.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) Sign-Up Deadlines for 2010 Crops

When low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disaster, NAP can provide financial assistance against catastrophic crop losses.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of non-insurable crops and pay the applicable yearly service fees at their local FSA office. The service fee is \$250 per crop per administrative county. If you have multiple crops, a maximum service fee of \$750 per producer per administrative county may be applicable. Total service fees for any single year are limited to a total of \$1,875 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Limited resource producers are not subject to annual fees.

The 2010 Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) deadlines for various crops are coming up as early as August 31, 2009.

Sign-Up Deadline Date	2010 Crops
August 31, 2009	Beets, Canola, Carrots, Christmas Trees, Flowers, Greens, Onions (seed), and Radish
October 1, 2009	Alfalfa, Asparagus, Clover, Garlic, Grass, Hops, Meadowfoam, Mixed Forage, Rye, Sugarbeet, Triticale, and Vetch.
November 20, 2009	Caneberries, Chestnuts, Hazelnuts, Honey, Pears, Plums, Prunes, Strawberries, and Walnuts
March 15, 2010	Broccoli, Cantaloupe, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Lentils, Mustard, Pumpkin, Safflower, Sunflower, Squash, Tomato, and Watermelon
March 31, 2010	Buckwheat

If you have further questions about the NAP program or any other FSA program, please contact the Marion County FSA Office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov for additional information.

DO YOU NEED A FARM LOAN?

We have the following programs available for those qualified individuals in need of financing:

- Operating Loans
- Equipment Loans
- Real Estate Loans
- Debt Refinancing
- Loans for Minorities and Women
- Loans for Beginning Farmers
- Youth Loans for FFA or 4-H Members



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