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## Marion-Polk County FSA Updates

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The office is encouraging all producers to call and make appointments for **2014 acreage reporting and/or farm changes**. The deadline for Fall Wheat, all Forage & Grazing, and other Fall seeded grains is **December 15, 2013**. Also, now is the time to update any farm changes you have for the 2014 crop year, including changes to what land you are farming, ownership changes, entity structure, bank accounts, etc.

Due to the upcoming deadline, Bev Schmidt will be scheduling appointments out of the Polk County NRCS Office for December 4th and 11th in Dallas, Oregon. If this would be more convenient for you, you must schedule ahead so she has your records available. You can schedule an appointment directly with her at 503-399-5741x100 or [beverly.schmidt@or.usda.gov](mailto:beverly.schmidt@or.usda.gov).

We anticipate a high workload with producers reporting acreage and updating their farm records; appointments must be scheduled to ensure staff are available. Please call 503-399-5741x2 to schedule your appointment.

Thanks,  
Janelle

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### Marion-Polk County FSA Office Dates to Remember

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**County Executive Director:**  
Janelle Huserik

- **November 20:** NAP Fruit Crop deadline
  - **November 28:** Thanksgiving Day, office closed
  - **November 30:** NAP Deadline for Hay and Pasture crops except oats, all grasses and legumes for seed
  - **December 2:** NAP Rangeland and Forage deadline
  - **December 5:** COC Meeting has been CANCELLED; will be rescheduled for election ballot counting.
  - **December 13:** NRCS EQIP first cut-off deadline
  - **December 15:** Acreage Reporting deadline
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## 2014 Early Acreage Reporting Deadlines

### Program Technicians:

Debbie Pothes  
Beverly Schmidt

### Farm Loan Manager:

Scott Nieman  
Phone: 503-399-5741x113

### Next County Committee

**Meeting:** December 5, 2013 at  
8:30 AM

The first acreage reporting deadline in Oregon is **November 15** for producers who have purchased a Pasture, Range, and Forage (PRF) policy or an Apiculture policy from their crop insurance agents. **December 15th** is the deadline for all producers to report the following crops: established or fall planted alfalfa seed, fall canola, perennial forage (except seed), mint, onions (planted 8/15-9/15), fall seeded wheat and barley. **January 15th** is the deadline for established or fall planted apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, and plums.

Producers failing to report crops timely are required to pay for a farm visit. All crops must be planted before they are reported to FSA. Producers should contact their FSA office to schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

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## Selling Land

If you plan on selling farmland, you should be aware of several consequences associated with FSA programs. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you might have to refund all of the payments you've received to date.

Reviewing program implications with your local Farm Service Agency staff before completing a sale of farmland is always a prudent precaution.

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## Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program.

**Estate Method** — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

**Designation of Landowner Method** — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

**DCP Cropland Method** — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

**Default Method** — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

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# Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

## Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the project and the loan, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

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## NAP Coverage Deadlines

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee MUST be filed by the crop sales closing date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops.

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## Selected Interest Rates for November 2013

- 90-Day Treasury Bill: 0.125%
- Farm Operating Loans - Direct: 2.125%
- Farm Ownership Loans - Direct: 4.250%
- Limited Resource Loans: 5.000%
- Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher: 1.500%
- Emergency Loans: 2.125%
- Farm Storage Facility - 7 year: 2.000%
- Farm Storage Facility - 10 year: 2.625%
- Farm Storage Facility - 12 year: 3.875%

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