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# FERRY & OKANOGAN COUNTY FSA NEWS

## Ferry County FSA

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
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### County Committee

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### Office Hours

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### County Committee

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### Next COC Meetings:

Ferry – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Okanogan – June 28<sup>th</sup>

Meetings start at 10:00 AM

CED – County Executive Director  
FLM – Farm Loan Manager  
FLO – Farm Loan Officer  
PT – Program Technician

FSA Web Site Address:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

WA State Web Site:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>

### ACCESSIBILITY

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations may contact the county office. FSA is committed to making programs accessible to all customers.



## 2007 ACREAGE REPORTING – IT'S TIME!

It's time to make your appointment and complete your certification of 2007 crop acreages. **June 30<sup>th</sup>** is the last day to timely certify your acreage. Planting dates will have to be provided. Several programs require the filing of an acreage report in order to remain in compliance. They include:

- ❖ **DCP** – Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program
- ❖ **CRP** – Conservation Reserve Program
- ❖ **NAP** – Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
- ❖ **PRICE SUPPORT** – Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments

If you do not timely report your planted acreage, a measurement service fee will be charged for a field visit to verify crops and acreage. **We are taking appointments for certification. Please contact our offices to schedule yours.**

## FSA INVENTORY PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has for sale real property located South of Okanogan on Harris Road just off Old Highway 97. The 25.21 acre farm was a former apple orchard and has had the trees removed. The property includes 3 wind machines, a shed used to store chemicals, a single wide mobile home and several out buildings that were formally used for labor housing. There is no domestic water available to the property and the irrigation water is supplied by a well and pump.

The sales price is \$140,000.00. The price is not negotiable. Applications will be accepted from beginning farmers and ranchers who are eligible for FSA Farm Ownership Loan program (either Direct or Guaranteed), and all prevailing claimants in the civil action Pigford vs. Glickman.

Offers must be submitted in writing on Form RD 1955-45 and must be received by **4:00 p.m., July 2, 2007**. Application packets and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Okanogan County FSA office at 1251 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Room 103, Okanogan, WA 98840. Telephone (509) 422-2767.

## 2007 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for the County FSA Committee are now being accepted. Nominations are completed by petition and must be delivered to the County FSA Office by **August 1, 2007**. Committee elections are held by mail-in ballot in the fall and must be returned or postmarked by December 3, 2007. Farm owners, operators, and their spouses in the applicable area of the county up for election are eligible to run for County Committee and vote in the election. FSA encourages the nomination of under-represented group candidates including minorities and women. Nomination forms will be mailed in a separate mailing or are available upon request from the County FSA Office. Local Administrative Area (LAA #1) in **Ferry County** includes land in the north area of the county with the boundaries running east to Stevens County line and west to the Okanogan, north to Canadian Border and south to the 37/38 township. Kathleen Olson currently represents this area. LAA#1 in **Okanogan County** includes land lying in the Colville Indian Reservation and portions of Omak and Okanogan lying west of the river. Jeff Delfeld currently represents this area. If you are unsure of your voting area, please contact the appropriate FSA county office. Producers are encouraged to get involved by nominating candidates of their choice to represent them on the FSA Committee.

## 2007 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL SIGNUP

The deadline to sign-up for the DCP program has been extended until **August 3, 2007**.

The decision to extend the deadline was made as a result of workload issues impacting DCP enrollments. Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began on October 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007.

The extension applies only to the enrollment time frame, and does not extend the annual DCP contract period beyond September 30, 2007. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007, and before September 30, 2007. Applications signed after September 30, 2007 cannot be approved.

Please remember that fruits and vegetables cannot be planted on contract acreage. Advance payments are available at 22% of the total. Please contact this office if you are interested and have not yet signed up.

## SIGNATURE AUTHORITY REQUIREMENTS

County offices must verify that a signature authority is on file in the County office before accepting a signature on any program or related documents on behalf of another. When signing in a representative capacity for a husband or wife, Corporation, Trust, Estate, Partnership or other entity an indicator such as “by” or “for” should precede the signature. Title or affiliation for the person signing for the entity needs to be indicated following the signature.

## NON-INSURED PRODUCTION AND CROP LOSS REPORTING

Producers who purchased catastrophic crop loss coverage for non-insurable 2007 crops, under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), need to remember the reporting requirements for crop losses. NAP participants must file a written notice of loss within 15 days after the disaster event occurred, or damage to the crop became evident. Also, if you do not intend to harvest the crop, you must request an appraisal by an FSA representative prior to destruction or abandonment of the crop.

Producers with NAP coverage on their non-insurable crops must report their 2006 production on covered crops by **June 30, 2007**. Failure to report will result in an assigned yield entered in the database. The assigned yield will more than likely reduce the actual production history (APH) and result in lower coverage.

## ASSIGNMENTS

Producers who are eligible for specified program payments from Farm Service Agency may have their payments or partial payments assigned directly to a third party by direct deposit or check if they wish to do so. This allows for a third party to receive payments directly instead of receiving the payment from a producer. These assignments may be for any purpose but only for the amount the assignor is eligible for in FSA program payments less any debt owed to the Federal government. FSA will make every attempt to pay the full amount of the assignment but does not guarantee the payment in full. To assign program payments, producers must use either the web-based assignment application or complete the CCC-36 and both the assignee and assignor must sign the form. To access these forms, assignors and assignees must obtain either a level 2 e-Authentication to access the USDA eForms Website at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/> or come to your local FSA office.

## RECONSTITUTION DEADLINE

If you have purchased or sold land, or had operator or ownership changes on your farm, please notify the County Office. The deadline for requesting a reconstitution for a DCP farm is fast approaching. For a reconstitution to be effective for the current year, farm combinations and divisions must be requested by **August 1, 2007** on DCP farms. Also, please report any changes of address.

## OCD ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM TO ASSIST LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

The Okanogan Conservation District (OCD) has funding available to assist livestock producers with reducing impacts to water quality. Eligible practices include fencing, alternate stock water development, hardened stream access points, riparian plantings, and others. Full program details are not available yet but will be after July 5, 2007. If you would like more information come to the District office in Okanogan at 1251 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., South or call (509) 422-0855 ext. 5.