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PIERCE COUNTY FSA NEWS

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Mark Turner, FLM
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COC Meeting Schedule

Jan 18th, 2007 @ 10:00 AM

Important Dates:

Office closed for Holidays:

- Dec 25th
- Jan 1st
- Jan 15th

South Sound Farm Forestry
Association (360) 705-1888



FSA County Committee Election

On December 7th ballots for the County Committee election (local Administrative Area (LAA) # 3 & 4) were tabulated and the results are as follows:

LAA #3:

- Harry Petersen from Yelm was elected Regular member of the South Puget Sound FSA Area Committee. Harry's term of office starts January 1st, 2007 and runs for three years.
- Ross Reichel from Rainier was elected 1st alternate.

LAA #4:

- Lucy Cerqui from Fife was elected Regular member of the South Puget Sound FSA Area Committee. Lucy's term of office starts January 1st, 2007 and runs for three years.
- Faith Sasaki from Orting was elected 1st alternate.

The farm Service Agency wishes to thank all who took the time to vote in this election. Thanks again for your support of your County Committee system.

Come Visit Our New Office

The South Puget Sound FSA Office has moved its location in the Puyallup Executive Park building. We were in room 406 now we are located in room 107; same building just different floor.

The move allowed us to be right next door to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) giving customers access to both our agencies; one stop shopping. This move also allows our two agencies to pool our resources, saving money and equipment.

We cordially invite producers to come visit our new office and let us show you our workplace. Note, it is always appreciated when you call before coming so we can be here to assist you.

Letter from the COC Chair

My fellow producers and landowners:

Hello everyone! As you may know, a ruling in consecutive term limits means that at the end of this year, which is the end of my third consecutive term, I will no longer be eligible to be a member of the South Puget Sound Area Committee. I have served you all since 1996 and as your chairman since 1997. It has been a pleasure working with you all. We have in that amount of time, had many different issues and different programs with which to work with and make decisions. It has been rewarding for me and it has also been a learning experience. I want to take this opportunity as your outgoing committee member and chairman to personally thank you for the privilege to represent you. I wish the new committee members well and perhaps we will all cross paths again some day. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rob Cerqui
SPS Area Committee Chairman

New State Executive Director for FSA

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter recently announced the appointment of Jack Silzel to State Executive Director (SED) for FSA in Washington.

Prior to accepting the FSA appointment, Silzel served more than 10 years in Washington, D.C. as the agriculture policy director for former Congressman George Nethercutt, and legislative director for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris. He worked closely with House and Senate Agriculture Committee members and staff on issues surrounding re-authorization of the Farm bill. He served nine years as senior advisor for agriculture and rural affairs, assisting House Appropriations committee members.

A fourth-generation farmer, Silzel was actively involved in his family's diversified farm operation near Oakesdale, Washington, where they produced wheat, barley, lentils, dry peas, Kentucky bluegrass turf seed and hogs prior to his congressional aide service. Jack replaces Jim Fitzgerald, who accepted a position with USDA Rural Development in Washington D.C. in July 2006.

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

This quick reminder, for coverage of your 2007 spring crops, please pay your administrative fee by March 15th, 2007.

Loan and LDP Final Availability Dates

Request for loans and LDP's shall be made on or before the final availability date for the respective commodities. The following provides the final availability date for loans and LDP's for the commodities listed.

Commodity	Final Availability Date
Mohair Unshorn Pelts Wool	January 31 st
Barley Honey Oats Wheat	March 31 st
Corn	May 31 st

Western Washington Horticultural Convention and Trade Show

The Western Washington Horticultural Association, Puget Sound Wine Growers Association, and northwest Bulb Growers Association Convention presents a 2-day program of interest to growers of all crops and all segments of agriculture. The 2007 Convention is the 97th annual meeting for growers, marketers, regulators, extension agents, and researchers who do business with western Washington and Oregon agriculture.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Western Washington Horticultural Convention and Trade Show, January 3-4, 2007 at the Seattle Marriott, SeaTac, WA. Visit the Web site for further information: wwha.wsu.edu


County Executive Director

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