



Polk County News

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

June 2, 2008	Haying & grazing for critical feed use on CRP sign up period begins
June 15, 2008	Nomination period begins for County Committee Election in LLA 3
June 30, 2008	Acreage Reporting Deadline
July 18, 2008	Deadline to enroll in 2005, 2006, 2007 Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program
August 1, 2008	Last day to file nomination forms
November 3, 2008	County Committee Election Ballots mailed to eligible voters in LLA 3
December 1, 2008	Last day to return voted County Committee Election Ballots to FSA
January 1, 2009	Elected committee member and alternate take office

2008 ACREAGE REPORTING

The acreage reporting deadline will soon be here, **June 30th, 2008**. **Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs.** If you have not yet completed your 2008 crop report, please call our office as soon as possible to set up an appointment.

FARM RECORD CHANGES

If there have been any changes in your farming operation, please report them to the Polk County FSA office as soon as possible. Examples include operating more or less land, or changing from an individual to an entity, such as a trust. If you are operating as an entity, you will need to bring documentation in to the office showing who has signing authority for the entity.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred to your bank account. In order for FSA to timely process payments, producers must notify our office when banking account information changes. Payments will be delayed if you have not updated your banking information with our office.

Livestock Compensation & Livestock Indemnity Program

July 18th, 2008 is the deadline to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster. The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster. More information about LCP and LIP is available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. or contact the Polk County Farm Service Agency at 503-623-2396 Ext 2.

BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES

With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebate offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal.

RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate regulatory action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. Producers who are found to participate in illegal rebating activities will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs. Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: **1-800-424-9121**.

2008 County Committee Election

Polk County Farm Service Agency will be holding a County Committee election in Local Administrative Area (LLA) 3. This area includes all land west of Perrydale Road beginning north at the Polk County line and west of Kings Valley Highway ending at the south Polk County line. County committee members are a critical component of the day to day operations of FSA. County committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Nomination period begins June 15th, 2008 and ends August 1st, 2008. Nomination forms are available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/ as well as from the Polk County Farm Service Agency office. FSA counts on you to nominate and vote.

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

Land Sale Contract Pilot Program

Call (503) 399-5741 Sharilyn Millette – Ext. #115
Kathey Naegeli – Ext. #113



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Attention: Agricultural group members and leaders. Do you want FSA to come to your meeting and talk about what FSA has to offer you? If so contact Jim Worledge at 503-623-2396 extension 2 or email jim.worledge@or.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to visit the USDA Polk County Service Center should contact Jim Worledge at (503) 623-2396 extension 2, or email jim.worledge@or.usda.gov.

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VOLUNTARY MODIFICATION OF CRP CONTRACTS FOR CRITICAL FEED USE

CRP participants with certain established vegetative cover may voluntarily have their CRP contract modified by CCC to utilize certain land enrolled in CRP for critical feed use, including haying or grazing. The critical feed use modifications to the CRP contract will limit the scope, frequency and duration of haying and grazing. To ensure protection of the resources, critical feed use is not authorized during the primary bird nesting or brood-rearing season March 1st thru July 15th. The more environmentally sensitive land will not be eligible for haying and grazing and must be left undisturbed.

Acreage eligible for critical feed use includes acreage that is fully established and devoted to the following CRP practices:

- CP1- Establishment of Permanent Introduced Grasses & Legumes
- CP2, Establishment of Permanent Native Grasses
- CP4B, Permanent Wildlife Habitat – Corridors
- CP4D, Permanent Wildlife Habitat
- CP10, Vegetative Cover – Grass Already established

No more than 50% of the eligible CRP acreage may be used for haying. Grazing may be conducted at 75% of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recommended stocking rate on 100% of the eligible acres or at 100% of the stocking rate on 75% percent of the eligible acres.

No payment reduction will be assessed on contracts being utilized for this critical feed use. Producers will be **required** to pay a fee of \$75 for the modification of their CRP contract and required to modify their conservation plan for haying and grazing management in accordance with NRCS Field Office Technical Guide haying and grazing standards.

For more information, please contact Laurie Johnson at the Polk County Farm Service Agency, 503-623-2396 ext. 102.

JAPANESE KNOTWOOD ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is working to help eliminate invasive weeds from Polk County. Japanese Knotweed is one of the worst invasive weeds in this area. When a stream is invaded by Japanese Knotweed erosion will increase, wildlife habitat is destroyed, property values decline and water quality diminishes. Japanese Knotweed is rapidly spreading through streams in our area, but will prompt intervention it can be stopped.

If Japanese Knotweed is invading a stream on your property there is help. The Polk SWCD has received a grant that enables us to offer landowners eradication solutions with no cost to the landowner. Funding is limited so sign up soon. Please contact Shawn Woods at the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District at 580 Main Street, Suit A, Dallas, OR. (503) 623-9680 ext 107

