



## Polk County News

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**February 15, 2008**

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### SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- February 18, 2008** – The USDA Service Center will be closed in honor of President's Day.  
**February 21, 2008** – Farm Loan Officer in Dallas office.  
**March 15, 2008** – Deadline to apply for wool, mohair, unshorn pelts LDPs.  
Deadline to apply for AGR Lite.  
Deadline to purchase NAP on spring planted fruits & vegetables including mustard, lentils & peas.  
**March 20, 2008** – Farm Loan Officer in Dallas office.  
**April 17, 2008** – Farm Loan Officer in Dallas office.

### JIM WORLEDGE NAMED POLK COUNTY CED

Jim Worledge has been named the new County Executive Director for Polk County. Jim will be working in a shared management position between Tillamook, Clatsop and Polk County. Jim has been with FSA for 28 years. Andrew Schmidt, the former CED has taken a CED position in Douglas County.

### 2008 FARM BILL/ LOAN DEFICENCY PAYMENTS

As of the date of this newsletter a 2008 Farm has not been approved. Currently we are operating under the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2008. This will expire on March 15, 2008. Under this act, it authorizes the county office to accept and process 2008 crop wool, mohair and unshorn pelt Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) through **March 15, 2008**. Remember to file a CCC-633 EZ Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request with the county office prior to losing beneficial interest in the covered quantities.

### 2008 ACREAGE REPORTING

If you have your planting completed for 2008 crops, call the office to set up an appointment to do your acreage report. Why not get it done now before you get even busier with spring work?

### 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 into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office staff if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

### **LIVESTOCK RISK PROTECTION FOR CATTLE, SWINE & LAMBS**

The Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) policy offers protection against a decline in fed cattle, feeder cattle and hog prices during the term of the Specific Coverage Endorsement. LRP is also available for lambs to guard against declines in prices below the established coverage price. Applications for LRP are submitted through FCIC approved insurance providers. A list of livestock insurance agents is available at the all USDA Service Centers or at the RMA website: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

### **LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY PROGRAMS**

The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs **directly resulting from natural disasters** occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible. During this period Polk County was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

The Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007. During this period Polk County was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

If you think either one of these programs applies to you, then contact the Polk County FSA office immediately. Keep in mind the disaster condition has to have directly caused your loss. No deadline has been set to sign-up for this program, but don't wait to hear about one.

### **DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM**

This program will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters. It compensates producers for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged containment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets.

To be eligible for DDAP-III, dairy producers must have suffered losses in primary and contiguous counties declared or designated a natural disaster. Also, producers in counties receiving an FSA Administrator's Physical Loss Notice determination are eligible.

To find out more information or to apply for the program, contact the FSA County Office.

### **ADJUSTED GROSS REVENUE-LITE DEADLINE MARCH 15**

The sales closing date for new applications for Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite insurance is March 15, 2008. This plan provides protection against low revenue due to unavoidable natural disasters and market fluctuations that affect income during the insurance year. Most farm-raised crops, animals, and animal products are eligible for protection. AGR-Lite also establishes revenue as a common denominator for the insurance of all agricultural commodities. The maximum liability of coverage is \$1 million. For more information contact USDA Risk Management Agency, Spokane, WA at (509) 228-6320.

### **FOREIGN BUYERS NOTIFICATION**

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of fair market value of the property. County government office, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited crop. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies and other drug producing plants.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.

### **FARM LOAN OFFICER IN DALLAS OFFICE EACH MONTH**

A Farm Loan officer will be available in the Dallas FSA office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Farm Loan officers are more than willing to meet with Polk County producers in the Dallas office anytime, not just on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you intend to stop by to visit a Farm Loan Officer on the day they are scheduled to be in the Dallas office, please give a courtesy call to Sharilyn at 503-399-5741 ext 2, so they can bring your file with them.

### **EMERGENCY LOANS AVAILABLE**

Farmers who suffered significant damage due to severe weather in 2007 may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency. These loans carry an interest rate of 3.75 percent.

- Production Losses. Eligible farmers can also use emergency loan funds to recover a portion of losses on growing crops that were destroyed.
- Physical Losses. Eligible farmers can use emergency loan funds to repair or rebuild essential farm buildings, clean debris or prepare land for replanting, and to replace livestock, supplies and harvested crops on hand or in storage that were lost.

### **LOANS FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) can make and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family size farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders. Contact your local FSA Loan Manager or officer for more details and assistance in applying.

### **YOUTH LOANS**

Remember FSA makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Contact your local FSA office for more details.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:jim.worledge@or.usda.gov).

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