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## Sherman County, Oregon FSA Updates

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### County Committee Nominations

The Sherman County FSA Committee is seeking nominations of eligible producers and landowners from Local Administrative Area 1, (LAA 1), which includes the northern area Sherman County, north of Base Line Rd, including Wasco, Rufus and Biggs. **The COC nomination period runs from June 17, 2013 through Aug. 1, 2013.**

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions. For more information contact your local FSA office, or to obtain a nomination form, click on the link below: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/fsa0669a\\_english\\_form.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_english_form.pdf), or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections> for more information.

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### DCP Deadline Approaching

The sign-up period for DCP is still open; **producers must enroll before the August 2, 2013 deadline.** The 2013 DCP program provisions are unchanged from 2012.

Please call or e-mail NOW for an appointment to enroll your eligible farms.

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## 2013 Crop Reporting

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs-- **acreage reports are to be certified by July 15, 2013.**

Acreage reports on crops covered by NAP-Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program- are due in the county office the **earlier of** 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported, **or** July 15.

After spring planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

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## Welcome To The New Sherman County CED

Sherman County welcomes Roseanna Breeding as the new FSA County Executive Director. Roseanna has worked for Oregon FSA since 2002, and most recently as CED in the Douglas County FSA Office. Prior to working for FSA, she spent several years working in the telecommunications industry. Roseanna and her husband, Tim, both native Oregonians, also raised purebred and commercial Duroc hogs for many years, and served as Oregon delegates to the National Pork Board and National Pork Producers Council. Both Roseanna and Tim say they are excited and pleased to be in Sherman County and look forward to being active members of a great community of folks in one of the most beautiful places in Oregon.

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## Payment Limitations

All payment eligibility and payment limitation provisions, including Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations, are extended for the 2013 crop year, program year, and fiscal year. All rules and requirements effective for 2012 program payments and benefits are applicable to eligible recipients of 2013 program payment and benefits. This includes the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, substantive change, minor child, and spousal provisions. Payments will continue to be limited by direct attribution to person and legal entity.

### Contributions

All partners, stockholders or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, for:

- Active personal labor,
- Active personal management,
- A combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation

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## Banking Changes?

If you changed banks and did not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account, if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers, there could be problems. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important that any changes in a producer's account such as type account, bank mergers, routing number or account numbers, be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

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## FSA Signature Policy

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule, where spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities.

Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

For more clarification on spousal signature authority, feel free to contact your local FSA office.

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## Dates to Remember

**July 4, 2013** --INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed

**July 11, 2013** --Sherman County FSA Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, Sherman County FSA Office

**July 15, 2013** --Acreage reporting deadline

**August 1, 2013** --COC nomination deadline

**August 2, 2013** --DCP 2013 sign up deadline

**Nov 4, 2013** -- Ballots mailed to eligible voters for COC elections

**Dec 2, 2013** --Last day to return voted ballots to your local USDA Service Center

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