

# November 2009 Shop Talk



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## Commodity Loans & Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

Please remember that you must apply for a commodity loan or LDP **BEFORE** you lose beneficial interest in the crop. To maintain beneficial interest you must have:

- ✓ Control of the crop
- ✓ Title to the crop
- ✓ Risk of loss for the crop

Beneficial interest is lost when the commodity is sold, immediately fed or delivered to a pass-title pit. Remember, you can select a loan or an LDP but you cannot do both. Once you complete the paperwork for an LDP, you are no longer eligible for a commodity loan.

### **To be eligible for an LDP Producer's must:**

- File CCC-633 EZ, page 1, before loss of beneficial interest
- File CCC-633 EZ, page 2, 3, or 4, as applicable, on or before the final availability date to request LDP payment.

Final availability date for commodity loans and LDP's is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010** for barley, wheat and oats.

### **Current PCP Rates:**

Wheat: \$ 4.01  
Barley: \$ 2.30  
Oats: \$ 1.96

### **Current Loan Rates:**

Wheat: \$ 3.27  
Barley: \$ 2.24  
Oats: \$ 1.35

**\*\*An LDP is triggered when the Posted County Price (PCP) falls below the loan rate.**

# **2008/2009 SURE (The New Farm Bill Disaster Program) Sign-Up to Begin**

The Sherman County Office will begin taking 2008 disaster sign-up the **week of November 9<sup>th</sup>**. It will be **by appointment only** due to advance paperwork requirements. This program works differently than past disaster programs. Most importantly, all crops must have been covered by: an insurance policy, NAP, NAP Buy-In, CAT Buy-In or Relief to be eligible for SURE.

Exceptions to this requirement are:

- Crops that are not of economic significance (contribute < 5% of the total expected value of all crops grown by a producer in all counties)
- Crops reported for grazing
- Persons that have certified to socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer status.

Producers must have at least one crop of economic significance with a 10% production loss on the farm to qualify. For SURE purposes the definition of a "Farm" is: the sum of **all crop acreage, in all counties**, planted or intended for harvest for sale or on-farm livestock feeding, including native grassland intended for haying. This means that wheat, for example, must show a production loss for the total of a producer's wheat in all counties (not a loss per FSA farm as in past disaster programs). The earliest that payments will be made is December 2009 and that is tentative.

\*\*\*\*There will be an informational SURE meeting during the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>. The exact date, time and location have yet to be determined. A postcard will go out with specifics.

## ***New CED***

Kyle Mills was hired as the new County Executive Director (CED) for the Farm Service Agency in Moro. She is from Stanfield, OR and grew up on a farm there. She graduated from Eastern Oregon University with a degree in Agriculture Business Marketing. Please stop by and say "hello"!

# **County Committee Elections**



Be watching your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters starting on November 6, 2009. If you don't receive a ballot, notify the county FSA office. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the county office by the close of business on **December 7, 2009**.

## **Final Payments for 2009 DCP**

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be deposited directly into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 83.3 percent of the farm's base acreage times (x) the farm's direct payment yield times (x) the direct payment rate.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final Direct and Counter-cyclical Program payments you are about to receive.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS**

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs are available to all eligible interested persons, including those with disabilities. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for those individuals with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please contact Kyle Mills at (541)565-3551 ext. 103.



## **Acreege Spot Check Determinations and Notification**

Each year FSA completes spot checks of acreage reports. Acreage reports are an integral part of farm program participation. Acreage spot checks are completed to ensure accurate acreage reports in farm program computations.

FSA will conduct spot checks on a selected number of farms in each state. All acreage determinations use the FSA Geographic Information System official acreages.

After farms are spot checked, a Notice of Determined Acreage will be sent to the farm operator. Questions concerning determined acres should be directed to your local FSA office for further explanation.

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## Don't Forget

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009: COC ballots mailed to voters**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Veterans Day (Office Closed)**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Last day to return ballots for COC election**

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