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# SPOKANE-PEND OREILLE COUNTY FSA

## Spokane Pend Oreille County FSA

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Pend Oreille County Producers  
for which 447 is a local call can  
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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### County Committee

Jim Ryan, Chairman  
Charlotte Yergens, Vice-Chair  
Regina Clausen, Member  
Louise (Lou) McLam, Member  
Sherman Norton, Member

### Office Staff

Randy L. Primmer, CED  
Lorri Anderson, PT  
Kay Kjack, PT  
Betty Diedesch, PT  
Dave Olson, PT  
Susan Dickinson, PT

### Farm Loan Staff

Steven King, FLM  
Chris Sletager, FLO  
Jo Anne Krupke, FLT

### Next COC Meeting

February 15, 2007 @ 9:00  
a.m. Regular Business

### 2007 Loan Rates Announced

#### Spokane County

<b>SWW</b>	<b>\$2.74/bu</b>
<b>HRW</b>	<b>\$3/19/bu</b>
<b>HRS</b>	<b>\$2.97/bu</b>
<b>DURUM</b>	<b>\$3.27/bu</b>
<b>Barley</b>	<b>\$2.07/bu</b>
	<b>(\$86.25/ton)</b>



## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Eligible voters in Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1 elected **Louise McLam** as the new committee member to represent area 1 on the committee. Ronald Andrews and Cindy Kaelin each received one write-in vote. Ron Andrews has indicated that he is willing to serve as an alternate. The committee would like to thank all those voters that returned ballots during this election.

## COMMITTEE HOLDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The committee held its' organizational meeting for 2007 on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The County Committee is organized as follows for 2007.

Chairperson	James Ryan	Vice-Chairperson	Charlotte Yergens
Member	Regina Clausen	Member	Lou McLam
Member	Sherman Norton		

## NONINSURED CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM (NAP) 2007 SALES CLOSING DATES

Spring planted crops, small grain forages and mustard have until March 15, 2007 to sign up for NAP coverage. The application fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county. The NAP program works like an insurance policy providing benefits to producers who suffer qualifying losses greater than 50% of the approved actual production history. Losses on the first 50% are not eligible for benefit.

## UPDATE ON IMPROPER PAYMENT INFORMATION ACT (IPIA) 2002

The process of reviewing the records associated with this act is still on going. The task at hand has changed directions slightly over time but we are still working through the process. At the present time, we have been told to make sure all 2007 eligibility records are updated correctly and that required signature authorities are on file to support those producers who sign in a representative capacity. We no longer are going back and reviewing 2005 and 2006 for accuracy, but the county office reviewer may look at a percentage of these records when they review our files for completion of forms and documentation of signature authority when the review is done.

The Spokane County FSA Office has been notified that they are one of seven counties in the state of Washington randomly selected to have records reviewed for this process. We will work through this as we do every other program, but it will have an effect on how fast other services are performed. The staff and County Committee would like to thank the producers for their patience during this national review process.

## LOAN DEFICIENCY PROGRAM DEADLINES

The deadline for applying for a Commodity Marketing Loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment for 2006 wheat, barley, and oats is March 31, 2007. Peas, lentils, corn and oil seed loan crops have a deadline of May 31, 2007. The interest rate for loans issued in February is 6.00%.

## 2006 EARNINGS STATEMENTS MAILED

Form CCC-1099G, Report of Producer Payments was mailed to all FSA program participants around January 31, 2007. The report is mailed from our Kansas City office so if you did not get one, or you do not think the information is the same as your records please contact our office and we will assist you in taking some

corrective action as needed. One change from previous years is that any refunds you made to our office are not reflected on the CCC-1099-G. Our office has a printout that we can print if you need to see the refund amount.

### **DIRECT & COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP FOR 2007**

Signup for the 2007 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) began in October and continues through June 1, 2007. To be eligible for "Direct" payments and "Counter-Cyclical" (CC) payments, producers must sign a contract each year. The "Direct" payment rate for wheat is \$.52/Bu and \$.24/Bu for Barley for the major crops in this county. Advance direct payments are available at 22% for 2007. This is a reduction from either 50% or 40% depending on when you signed up in 2006. The remainder will be paid in October 2007. Advance payments are available beginning in December 2006. Advance Counter-Cyclical payments are also available if you so desire. Producers are asked to call and schedule an appointment. As stated earlier we are going to be taking more time to review eligibility forms so plan for more time than the past few years.

Currently, we are working through the list of producers who called and got on a list to sign up for the program and are trying to honor those calls in the order in which they were placed. At the same time, we are trying to update all eligibility forms required to be reviewed for accuracy for 2007. This process does take extra time and is going slower than normal. If you would like to get your name on the list to sign up please call our office and we will put your name on the list. We then will get all your eligibility documents out and review them prior to giving you a call and scheduling an appointment.

### **FARM RECORD CHANGES**

It is important for you to notify our office of changes that have taken place in your farming operation. If you have leased new land, or lost the lease on previously farmed acreage these changes must be made prior to you coming into the office for your sign up. Changes in land ownership also need to have documents supplied so that the records can be changed prior to the sign up process. All of these changes require our staff to make changes to the farm records files. Making these changes takes time and we can serve you better if we have the information up front. Otherwise, you are going to have to make a return trip to the office once we complete the requested change.

### **CRP REX EXTENSION STATUS AND IMPLEMENTING AGREED TO WEED CONTROL**

Due to the records review our office staff has been delayed in getting the notification of your CRP extension determinations worked up and mailed to you. We are in the process of working up the field visit determinations and will be sending these out in the very near future. These results of the review will tell you whether your grass stand was determined eligible for the extension or whether you are required to complete some action prior to being determined eligible for the extension.

For those producers who have already been notified of their status, remember if you agreed to complete some weed control or replanting of failed acres, that it is your responsibility to make sure that the work is completed timely and according to the revised conservation plan you signed. The office staff will be conducting spot checks of revised plans to make sure required work is completed as planned.

For the County Committee:

Randy L. Primmer,  
County Executive Director