

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

TILLAMOOK - CLATSOP COUNTY NEWS

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TILLAMOOK - CLATSOP COUNTY COMMITTEE

Bearl Seals, Chairperson
Harold Weaver, Vice Chairperson
Lynda Neahring, Regular Member

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Jim Worledge, CED
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County Committee (COC) Elections

Each year, an election is held in a local administrative area (LAA) to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. With Tillamook and Clatsop Counties being combined under one FSA Office there are three LAAs between the two counties. The COC position from LLA #2, which encompasses the area from the Tillamook/Clatsop County line to the Trask River in central Tillamook County, was up for election this year. Lynda Neahring was reelected to the County Committee for LAA #2.

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking time to complete the election ballot and returning them to our office. The county committee system works only because of participation from eligible voters. At the COC's organizational meeting, Bearl Seals was selected to serve as Chairperson, Harold Weaver was selected Vice Chairperson and Lynda Neahring was selected Regular Member.

New Aerial photography – I think most of you know we have received new aerial photography for both Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. All counties in the state were flown sometime during 2009 so new imagery of your farm is available if you need it.

Biomass Crop Assistance

FSA is still accepting applications for certification from biomass facilities interested in participating in the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). BCAP provides financial assistance for producers or collectors who own and deliver eligible biomass material to certified biomass conversion facilities for use as heat, power, bio-based products or bio-fuels.

Producers or collectors who deliver and sell these materials to qualified biomass conversion facilities can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Matching payment can not exceed \$45 per dry ton. Biomass material collectors are eligible to receive payments for two years.

Eligible material owners or producers, who market eligible material to a qualified biomass conversion facility, should contact their FSA county office regarding application. Note that some areas may announce sign-up periods.

An application must be submitted before the eligible material is sold and delivered to a qualified biomass conversion facility. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a conversion facility, the facilities can begin accepting materials. After the product is delivered, a producer must provide FSA with documentation of product quantity, quality and payment rate. County offices will validate payment requests with information in the county office and information provided under the terms of MOUs with the qualified biomass conversion facilities.

MILC Program

MILC payments for November 2009 Milk Production were processed in early January 2010 at a rate of \$0.37350 per hundred weight of production. Based on the FSA MILC web page it looks like that will be the last payment for a while. <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=mpp-mi>

Current and previous payment rate information is listed below.

MILC Payment Rates for Fiscal Year

Mo.	BCI Price-\$	Pymt Rate- \$ (Before Adjust.)	NAD- FRC-\$	Adjust. Trigger	Final Pymt Rate Adj.for Feed Cost (\$/cwt)
Fiscal Year 2009					
Feb	13.97	1.3365	7.73	17.33	1.51352
Mar	12.68	1.917	7.54	17.14	2.00561
Apr	13.61	1.4985	7.54	17.14	1.58628
May	14.22	1.224	7.87	17.48	1.46725
June	13.33	1.6245	7.81	17.42	1.84114
July	13.51	1.5435	7.18	16.94	1.5435
Aug	13.29	1.6425	6.75	16.94	1.6425
Sep	14.18	1.242	6.51	16.94	1.242
Fiscal Year 2010					
Oct	15.6	0.603	6.81	16.94	0.603
Nov	16.11	0.3735	6.85	19.94	0.3735
DEC	17.24	0	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jan	18.28	0	TBD	TBD	TBD

Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Program (DELAP)

The Agricultural Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010 provides \$290 million in direct payments to dairy operations that produced milk in the United States and commercially marketed the milk between February and July 2009.

If you are a dairy producer and if you participated in the MILC Program during 2009; you probably noticed an additional deposit in your checking account during December 2009. It should have been a payment for DELAP. Calculation of payment was based on your February through July 2009 milk production multiplied by two then divided by 100 to convert pounds of milk to a hundred weight. A payment rate of \$0.3211641 was then applied to determine your payment amount. There is a 6,000,000 pound maximum payment in place, so, if your production times two was greater than 6,000,000 pounds, you were paid on the maximum 6,000,000 pounds.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Verification Requirement

With assistance of the IRS, the USDA is verifying compliance of CCC-926, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) statements filed by producers. All participants who received a payment, or are part of an entity that received a payment, from FSA or NRCS in 2009 or 2010 must now submit "2009 and/or 2010 Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information" form CCC-927 for individuals and CCC-928 for entities. The CCC-927/8 is available at local FSA offices, and **must be received by the IRS within 60 days of your signature**, with a **final deadline of June 15, 2010**. Submission of this form is required by all who submitted a CCC-926; failure to timely file the disclosure will result in the refund of 2009 and/or 2010 program benefits you received.

Farm Loan Programs:

<u>Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loans</u>	FSA provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county and has farmed for at least three years.
<u>Direct Farm Ownership Loan Program (FO)</u>	FSA direct farm ownership loans are loans to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, and promote soil and water conservation. To qualify for a direct loan, the applicant must be able to show sufficient repayment ability and pledge enough collateral to fully secure the loan.
<u>Direct Operating Loan Program (OL)</u>	FSA direct farm operating loans are loans to purchase items such as livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance, and other operating expenses. They can also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family subsistence, and refinancing debts under certain conditions.
<u>Down payment Farm Ownership Loans</u>	Down payment Farm Ownership loans were developed to help beginning farmers and ranchers and SDA applicants purchase a farm or ranch. These loans provide a way for retiring farmers to transfer their land to a future generation of farmers and ranchers.
<u>Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loan Program</u>	FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. A percentage of guaranteed loan funds are targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans may be made to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings and other fixtures, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation, or to refinance debt.
<u>Guaranteed Operating Loan Program</u>	FSA guaranteed loans provide lenders (banks, Farm Credit System institutions, credit unions) with a guarantee of up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Farmers and ranchers apply to an agricultural lender, which then arranges for the guarantee. The FSA guarantee permits lenders to make agricultural credit available to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. A percentage of guaranteed loan funds are targeted to beginning farmers and ranchers and minority applicants. Guaranteed Operating Loans may be made to purchase items needed such as livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, repairs, insurance, and other operating expenses. Operating Loans also can be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family living expenses, and to refinance debts under certain conditions.
<u>Youth Loans</u>	FSA makes loans to individual rural youths, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, the Future Farmers of America and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work and must be related to agriculture. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

For more information, visit the FSA's home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and click on "Farm Loan Programs."

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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 with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Any foreign individual who is a permanent resident of the United States and who carries a green card or I-551 is not required to report.

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