

# FARM SERVICE AGENCY

## TILLAMOOK - CLATSOP COUNTY NEWS

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## County Committee (COC) Elections in LLA #3

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Each year, an election is held in an 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 #3 is up for election this year and is currently held by Bearl Seals. LLA #3 encompasses the area from the Trask River, in central Tillamook County, South to the Tillamook/Lincoln County line.

### Candidate Nominations

Nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted June 15 through Aug. 2, 2010.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on August 2, or postmarked by August 2, 2010.

### Voting

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters, in the LLA holding an election, beginning November 5, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on December 6, or postmarked by December 6, 2010.

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

## County Committee (COC) Elections – Continued

### Candidate Eligibility

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility criteria:

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate

Not have been:

- Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
- Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony.
- Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

**For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact our office.**

### MILC Program

April 2010 MILC payments were processed June 7<sup>th</sup>. The payment was \$ 0.2115 per hundred weight of April 2010 milk production. It does not appear there will be a MILC Payment for May or June 2010 milk production. Those participating in the program receive a payment statement a few days after the deposit has been made.

Current payment rate information is listed below.

#### MILC Payment Rates for Fiscal Year 2010

Month	Boston Class I Price (\$16.94)	Payment Rate \$ (Before Adjust.)	National Average Dairy Feed Ration Cost (\$7.35)	Adjusted Trigger	Final Payment Rate Adjusted for Feed Cost (\$/cwt)
Oct	15.60	0.6030	6.81	16.94	0.60300
Nov	16.11	0.3735	6.85	16.94	0.37350
Dec	17.24	0.0000	6.83	16.94	0.00000
Jan	18.28	0.0000	6.95	16.94	0.00000
Feb	18.09	0.0000	6.96	16.94	0.00000
Mar	17.59	0.0000	6.76	16.94	0.00000
Apr	16.47	0.2115	6.68	16.94	0.21150
May	17.05	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD
June	18.53	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD

## **Banking Changes?**

Almost all Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. It has been calculated that having a problem with a payment is 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit. Another benefit is that Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

*If you have changed accounts or institutions* that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA or NRCS payments, please contact both agencies to insure your files are updated to continued uninterrupted service.

## **Idaho and Oregon Dairy Producers Now Have Additional Risk Management Choices**

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, June 1, 2010 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently announced that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation's (FCIC) Board of Directors approved the expansion of the Livestock Gross Margin Dairy Cattle (LGM-Dairy) insurance plan into Idaho and Oregon for the 2011 crop year. The program is currently available in Washington. The expansion was requested by Iowa Agricultural Innovations, Inc. the owners of the LGM insurance products.

LGM-Dairy provides protection against loss of gross margin (market value of milk minus feed costs) on milk produced from dairy cows. LGM-Dairy uses the Chicago Mercantile Exchange group futures prices for class III milk and Chicago Board of Trade future prices for corn and soybean meal to determine the expected gross margin and the actual gross margin.

LGM-Dairy provides convenience as producers can sign up for LGM-Dairy 12 times per year and insure all milk production they expect to market over a rolling 11-month insurance period. It is a customized product and can be tailored to any size farm. It is considered a bundled option insurance, similar to buying both a call option to limit higher feed costs and a put option to set a floor on milk prices.

The premium payment is due when coverage begins. LGM-Dairy premiums depend on a producer's marketing plan, the coverage selected, deductible level, and futures and price volatility.

Sales for the 2011 crop year will begin July 30, 2010 (the last Friday of the month) and continue through June 30, 2011 (or until the maximum underwriting capacity [as established by the FCIC] is reached). Dairy producers are encouraged to contact a local livestock insurance agent for more details.

For more information about the Livestock Gross Margin insurance policy for dairy cattle, see the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov>. Federal crop and livestock insurance policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop and livestock insurance companies. A list of livestock insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the RMA Web site: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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## Controlled Substances

Program participants convicted under federal or state law of any planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits.

If convicted of one of these offenses, the program participant shall be ineligible during that crop year and the four succeeding crop years for direct and counter-cyclical payments, price support loans, loan deficiency payments, market loan gains, storage payments, farm facility loans, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program payments or disaster payments.

Program participants convicted of any federal or state offense consisting of the distribution (trafficking) of a controlled substance shall, at the discretion of the court, be ineligible for any or all program payments and benefits:

- for up to 5 years after the first conviction
- for up to 10 years after the second conviction
- permanently for a third or subsequent conviction.

Program participants convicted of federal or state offense for the possession of a controlled substance shall be ineligible, at the discretion of the court, for any or all program benefits, as follows:

- up to 1 year upon the first conviction
- up to 5 years after a second or subsequent conviction.

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