

# FARM SERVICE AGENCY

## TILLAMOOK - CLATSOP COUNTY NEWS

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### TILLAMOOK - CLATSOP COUNTY COMMITTEE

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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 is up for election this year and is currently held by Linda Neahring. LLA #2 encompasses the area from the Tillamook/Clatsop County line to the Trask River in central Tillamook County.

Nominations for LAA-2 has ended with one candidate nominated. Linda Neahring has agreed to run for another term and will be on the November COC ballot. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning November 6<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on December 7<sup>th</sup>, or postmarked by midnight December 7, 2009.

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. Only agricultural producers in LAA-2 will receive a ballot. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote. When signing the ballot for an entity (including trusts) there must be signing authority on file in the county office. 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.

**New Aerial photography** - We have received new aerial photography for both Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. It was flown sometime this summer or late spring so new imagery of your farm is available if you need it.

### MILC Program

MILC Payments for August 2009 Milk Production were processed October 13<sup>th</sup> by the Tillamook County FSA Office but were then delayed by the National Payment Service due to software problems associated with FSA fiscal year rollover on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Payments for September 2009 Milk Production, which will be paid in November 2009, are not expected to be made until the middle of November.

For the first seven months of payments, FSA has paid approximately \$3,550,000 to dairy producers in Tillamook and Clatsop Counties.

Current payment rate information is listed below. For the months of September (\$1.2420) and October (\$0.6030) the Payment Rate is listed but the Final Payment Rate is To Be Determined (TBD). The Feed Cost Adjustment rate is not determined until the end of the month following the month of production. The September Feed Cost Adjustment will not be determined until October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## MILC Payment Rates for Fiscal Year 2009

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)
Feb	13.97	1.3365	7.73	17.33	1.51352
Mar	12.68	1.9170	7.54	17.14	2.00561
Apr	13.61	1.4985	7.54	17.14	1.58628
May	14.22	1.2240	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	1.54350
Aug	13.29	1.6425	6.75	16.94	1.64250
Sep	14.18	1.2420	TBD	TBD	TBD
Oct	15.60	0.6030	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.

### Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to **adverse weather**, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The final date to file a notice of loss occurring prior to July 13, 2009 has passed. Losses occurring between July 13, 2009 and December 31, 2009 must be filed within 30 days after the death is apparent and an application must be submitted by January 30, 2010.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit you FSA County Office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> .

## Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

Changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program have been implemented in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, which will allow producers of eligible commodities produced on their farm to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers FSFL on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10, or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

**The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: 1) wheat, barley, oats harvested as whole grain; 2) corn, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain; 3) Pulse crops – lentils, small chickpeas, and dry peas; 4) Hay, including grass silage; 5) Renewable biomass; 6) Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables – cold storage.**

For more information please visit your FSA County Office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

## Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

The new BCAP program is of interest to biomass conversion facilities (BCFs) and eligible material owners who own, chip and transport biomass material to these facilities. Eligible material owners with BCF contracts can apply for matching payments under the collection, harvest, storage and transportation (CHST) component of BCAP. Once an agreement is signed between FSA and a BCF and funding is provided, the facilities can begin accepting materials under this program. The CHST matching payments are paid at a rate of \$1 for \$1 per dry-ton equivalent received by a qualified BCF, not to exceed \$45 per dry-ton equivalent, limited to receive payments for two years. The purpose of the matching payments is to assist biomass handlers with the CHST cost of delivering biomass to a qualified BCF. Once a facility becomes qualified, eligible material owners or producers who deliver biomass to that facility may be eligible to receive CHST payments. Eligible material owners or producers, who market eligible material to a qualified BCF, may apply for the matching CHST payment at their FSA county office. An application must be submitted and approved **before** the eligible material is sold or delivered to a qualified BCF. After the product is delivered, a material handler must provide FSA with documentation of product quantity, quality and payment rate. CHST payments will not be authorized until appropriate environmental analysis is completed.

Contact your local FSA County Office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) for more information.

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Operating Loans  
Equipment Loans  
Real Estate Loans  
Debt Refinancing  
Loans for Minorities and Women  
Loans for Beginning Farmers  
Youth Loans for FFA or 4-H Members  
*Call Suzanne Hayes (503) 648-3174 - Ext. #116*

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

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