

September 2009 Umatilla Co. FSA



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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
7:00am to 4:30pm

County Committee Meetings

3rd Thursday of the month

2010 NAP Deadlines



- **August 31, 2009-** Beats, cabbage, Christmas trees, flowers, greens, herbs (except mint), onions, and radish.
- **October 1, 2009-** Asparagus, garlic, mint, hops, meadowfoam, tricale grain and sugarbeet.
- **November 20, 2009-** Apples, apricots, blueberries, caneberries, chestnuts, cherries, cranberries, grapes, hazelnuts, honey, nectarine, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, strawberries, and walnuts.
- **November 30, 2009-** All Forage and Grazing crops and all grasses and legumes for seed-except oat forage and oat grazing.
- **March 15, 2010-** Beans, broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, lentils, mustard, oats, peas, pears, potatoes, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato, and watermelon.

******REMEMBER to file NAP Notice of Loss within 15 days of damage occurring or becoming apparent.**

IMPORTANT: Remember to keep track of your 2009 crop year production evidence. It will be beneficial for you to provide 2009 production records to the County office before June 30th, 2010 so we can update your Approved Production History (APH).

****Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged****

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue agriculture production. Loans are available for operating funds and purchase or improvements to farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loans, FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants (SDA). An SDA is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities. For purposes of this program, SDA groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders. If you believe you qualify as an SDA, please contact the local FSA office for details. FSA loans

are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Commodity Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments

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 dates for commodity loans and LDP's are as follows:

- ❖ January 31st, 2010: Mohair, wool, and unshorn pelts
- ❖ March 31st, 2010: Barlye, wheat, and oats
- ❖ May 31st, 2010: Corn, dry peas, and lentils

FARM LOANS AVAILABLE

Loan applications are being accepted for farm operating and ownership purposes. Operating loans include annual operating expenses, farm equipment and livestock purchases, and refinancing related debt.

Ownership loans include the purchase or enlargement of a farm, or the construction and/or repair of buildings. Loan guarantees are available to lenders where FSA provides up to a 90% guarantee of loss on the principal of a farm loan. The loan purposes are similar to FSA's Direct Loans, except refinancing real estate debt is also eligible under the Guarantee Program.

FSA's ability to partner with commercial lenders provides for useful tools in meeting your credit needs. FSA can provide for just a portion of your credit needs i.e. a tractor purchase, etc. when we work in consultation with your commercial lender.

FSA provides Direct and Guarantee loan assistance for Beginning Farmers. An applicant is considered a Beginning Farmer if they have not operated a farm for more than 10 years. Youth loans are available for 4-H and FFA members' ages 10 through 20 who want to start any income producing enterprise recommended by their leader.



Special Accommodations

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the county FSA office staff directly or by phone.

NRCS NEWS:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently accepting applications for the new Conservation Stewardship Program. Applications must be received by September 30th to be considered for the 2009 funding.

Before submitting an application, interested producers should first complete the Self-Screening Checklist, available on-line at http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/csp_data/2009/CSP_Producer_Self_Screening_Checklist.pdf , or your local NRCS service center.

Applicants also need to verify their program eligibility, and submit a program application form with a operational map by September 30 to the local USDA Service Center.

NRCS will be providing informational meetings on the new Conservation Stewardship Program at the following dates and locations. On September 8th at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center Conference Room from 9 am to Noon. On September 9th at the BMCC Milton Freewater Conference Room from Noon to 2 pm. On September 10th at the Umatilla Hall Conference Room on the BMCC campus in Pendleton from 9 am to Noon.

For further information you can contact the NRCS Service Center in Pendleton at 278-8049 extension 3 or 200 SE Hailey Avenue, Suite 111 .

Or you can visit the Oregon NRCS website at <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/>.

The Umatilla County Soil & Water Conservation District is offering TWO Incentive Programs to Area Growers

The Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking fall 2009 applications for the Precision Ag Incentive Program! If you're planting a fall 2009 crop and plan on using a variable rate fertilizer applicator or you would like to try this technology, you are eligible for the incentive program. The program aims at increasing the accessibility of intensive nutrient management tools to agricultural producers in the Umatilla Basin and provides a cost-share of \$20 per acre for up to 200 acres per producer.

The Umatilla County SWCD is also accepting applications for the Wildhorse Basin Direct Seed Incentive Program. If you farm in the Wildhorse watershed and would like to try direct seeding or convert conventional tillage acres to direct seeding, then this is the program for you! The cost-share is \$10 per acre up to 1,000 acres per producer!

For more information, call Heidi at 541-276-8131 or stop by the office. The Umatilla SWCD is located in the old John Murray building at 200 SE Hailey Ave Suite 108 in Pendleton.

COMPLAINT PROCESS

AFTER AN FSA OFFICIAL MAKES A DECISION ON YOUR REQUEST FOR USDA SERVICES OR APPLICATION, YOU WILL BE SENT A LETTER INFORMING YOU OF THE DECISION AND OPTIONS YOU CAN PURSUE IF YOU DISAGREE. GENERALLY, PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE FOUR CHOICES — 1) AN INFORMAL REVIEW WITH THE ORIGINAL AGENCY DECISION-MAKER, 2) AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIATION, 3) APPEAL TO STATE COMMITTEE AND/OR 4) APPEAL TO THE USDA NATIONAL APPEAL DIVISION (NAD).

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANT PROCESS

ANY PERSON, CLASS OR GROUP OF PERSONS MAY FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT WITHIN 180 DAYS OF AN ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY ACTION. COMPLAINTS MAY BE FILED IN WRITING OR ORALLY WITH THE AGENCY HEAD, ANY DESIGNATED AGENCY OFFICIAL OR THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

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or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication and Compliance, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."