

UNION COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS



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2008 DCP SIGN UP DEADLINE NEARS

Producers have until September 30th to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program. Sign up can be completed at any Farm Service Agency Office or by going online to: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/edcp> and clicking on “Access eDCP Service.” Contracts can be completed and submitted from this web site or call 541-963-4178 ext. 2 to schedule an appointment.

2009 NAP

The deadline to purchase NAP for 2009 crops has been extended to December 1st. Producers must buy NAP for all non-insurable crops to maintain eligibility for SURE (Supplemental Revenue Program) and LFP (Livestock Forage Program).

NAP crops in Union County are: grass for seed, hay, pasture, vegetables for seed, herbs (except peppermint), oilseed crops, garbanzo beans and buckwheat.

Sweet cherries are now insurable. This is a change for the 2009 crop year. If you are interested in purchasing crop insurance for cherries, the deadline is November 20th. Please contact your crop insurance agent for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

09/16	Deadline to pay “Buy-in” Fees for 2008 Disaster Programs.
09/30	Deadline to sign up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program.
09/30	Deadline to purchase Multi-Peril Crop Insurance for: Wheat, Barley and Mint.
11/20	Deadline to purchase Multi-Peril Crop Insurance for: sweet cherries.
12/01	Deadline to purchase NAP for 2009 crops.

REPORT CROP LOSSES

Producers who have suffered crop losses due to weather should report those losses to the FSA office within 15 days of the disaster event or if the crop will not be carried to harvest. **This is a requirement for producers who have NAP coverage.** Reporting crop losses is also recommended for other producers so an accurate appraisal of damage can be performed. This information is essential for documentation of losses in the event of a disaster program.

FARM LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers loans for farmers or ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$949,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans for Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available through FSA.

If you have any questions about the farm loan program, call the Umatilla County USDA Service Center in Pendleton at 541-278-8049 ext. 2.

2008 SURE PROGRAM REQUIRES BUY-IN BY SEPTEMBER 16TH!

Producers with 2008 weather related crop losses may want to consider establishing eligibility for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Program (SURE). The SURE Program covers crop revenue losses from quantity or quality deficiencies in counties with a Secretarial Disaster Designation, contiguous counties, or in cases where the overall production loss exceeds 50%.

Under the SURE Program you are required to have Multi-peril crop insurance or NAP on all crops. For 2008 only, you can "Buy-in" eligibility on those crops that you did not have insurance or NAP on.

For example: You produce wheat, grass for seed, peppermint and pasture. In 2008 you paid for Multi-peril crop insurance on your wheat crop. To be eligible for SURE you would need to pay a "Buy in" fee for grass seed, peppermint and pasture.

SURE Payments are calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Program Guarantee} - \text{Total Farm Revenue}) \times 60\% = \text{SURE Payment}$$

The Program Guarantee is calculated by: $(\text{Price Election} \times \text{Planted Acres} \times \text{Yield}) \times 115\%$

Total Farm Revenue is calculated by: $(\text{Harvested Acres} \times \text{Actual Yield} \times \text{National Avg. Market Price})$

Plus: 15% of Direct Payments

Plus: 100% of Counter-cyclical Payments

Plus: Any marketing loan proceeds

Plus: Any Insurance or NAP indemnity payments

Plus: Any other Disaster Assistance

The following example is offered for informational purposes only:

Producer has 100 acres of spring wheat, uninsured.

Producer has 50 acres of red fescue for seed which he purchased a NAP policy on.

Producer has 500 acres of pasture which did not have a NAP policy.

All crops are non-irrigated.

To be eligible for SURE this producer would have to pay the "Buy-In" fee for pasture.

The program guarantee would be calculated as follows:

Wheat $(\$2.70/\text{bu} \times 100 \text{ acres} \times 60\text{bu}/\text{acre}) \times 115\% = \$18,630.00$ Program Guarantee

(The \$2.70/bu is the price election for the CAT level of MPC1)

Red Fescue $(\$0.4413/\text{lb} \times 50 \text{ acres} \times 448 \text{ lbs./acre}) \times 115\% = \$11,367.89$ Program Guarantee

(The \$0.4413/lb is the NAP price for red fescue in Union County)

No Program Guarantee will be calculated on the pasture.

Total Program guarantee for this producer is: $\$18,630.00$ wheat
 $+\$11,367.89$ red fescue

\$29,997.89

Total Farm Revenue is calculated as follows:

Wheat: 100 acres X 40 bu/acre X \$8.00/bu = \$32,000.00

Red Fescue: 50 acres X 300 lbs/acre X \$0.65/lb = \$9750.00

DCP payment = \$2,652.00 X 15% = \$397.80

Total Farm Revenue for this producer is:	\$32,000.00	wheat
	+ \$ 9,750.00	red fescue
	+ \$ 397.80	15% of Direct payment
	+ \$ 0.00	Counter-cyclical payment
	+ \$ 0.00	Insurance or NAP
	<u>\$42,147.80</u>	Total Farm Revenue

Program Guarantee	\$29,997.89
Total Farm Revenue	<u>- \$42,147.80</u>
	-12,149.91 X 60% = \$0.00 SURE payment

The program guarantee could be significantly higher if this producer had elected to purchase Multi-peril crop insurance an greater than the CAT level.

At this time we do not know how the program guarantee and loss will be calculated for crops with quality losses.

To be eligible for Disaster Programs in 2008, you must pay the “Buy - in” fees for all crops at your FSA Office by September 16, 2008!

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