

Wallowa County Harvester USDA Ag Service Center



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Signature Policy for Spouses

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the County Office from either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule. For example, spouses may not sign a power of attorney (FSA-211) on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities.

Spouses must have a power of attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as promissory notes.

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle a spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

Special Accommodations

USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs are available to all eligible interested persons, including those with disabilities. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for those individuals with disabilities, vision or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please contact Bill Williams at (541) 426-4521, extension 104.

CRP BURNING

If you are interested in burning portions of your CRP acres, please contact either Lela at extension 102 or Tom Smith at extension 101. Under CRP, burning is an allowable management practice and will be cost shared by FSA. However, FSA and NRCS must be contacted prior to any burning to ensure that all regulations are being followed. Burning cannot be performed during the primary nesting season (April 1 through July 15).

2007 NAP POLICY DEADLINE

The application deadline for 2007 Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) for the following crops is Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Peas Lentils Mustard

The cost of an application is \$100 per crop per year, with a maximum of \$300 per producer per county per year. Please contact Bill by the deadline if you are interested.

Puzzle

A Regular Cutup

How can you divide seven apples among 12 people such that everyone will have exactly equal portions? Each apple is not to be cut into more than four pieces.

Answer to the last puzzle: Just wanted to know if anyone really knew how long it took Santa.

2006 FSA Payments

During the last week of January, producers who received payments from FSA should have received a CCC-1099 in the mail from our Kansas City office. These are the amounts that are reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This form is not intended to replace your responsibility to report your income to the IRS.

If you received a CCC-1099, please compare the amount(s) shown with your records. If you find that the amount(s) are incorrect, or if you have a question concerning an amount, please contact us. If you choose to visit the office, please bring the CCC-1099 with you so that we may more readily identify the questionable item(s). If there is an error, FSA will furnish a corrected form to you.

2007 Dates to Remember

- February 15 – COC Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. (Service Center)
- February 19 – President's Day (Office Closed)
- March 5 – Wallowa SWCD mgt, 12:30 p.m. Extension.
- March 14 – COC Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. (Service Center)
- March 15 – 2007 NAP Deadline (Peas, lentils, mustard)
- April 2 – Wallowa SWCD annual meeting, 12:30 p.m., location TBA
- June 1 – 2007 DCP Enrollment Deadline



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2007 DCP Contracts

June 1, 2007 is the deadline to enroll in the 2007 Direct & Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) without a late-payment fee. Please call Lela (extension 102) or Abby (extension 103) or stop by before the deadline. If you wait to enroll after the deadline, you will be charged a \$100 per contract processing fee.

Payment Limitation Provisions

Payments and benefits under certain programs are subject to some or all of the following:

- * payment limitation
- * "actively engaged in farming" requirements
- * cash-rent tenant rule
- * permitted entity restrictions
- * foreign person rule
- * average adjusted gross income limitation

Applicable programs and payment limitations are:

Payment Type	Limitation
Direct Payments (DCP)	\$40,000
Counter Cyclical Payments (DCP)	\$65,000
CRP Annual Rental Payments	\$50,000
Total of the following for all loan commodities except wool, mohair & honey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • marketing loan gains • LDP's 	\$75,000
Total of : Wool, mohair & honey	\$75,000
NAP	\$100,000

No program benefits subject to limitation will be provided until:

- all required forms for the specific situation are provided
- necessary payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations are made

Payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations may be initiated by the County Committee or requested by the producer.

A farm operating plan is not required to be filed annually if the farming operation continues to be conducted as reflected on the farm operating plan and supporting documents are on file in the County Office. However, the producer must timely notify the County Office of any changes which could affect any of the subject items listed above.

There are statutory provisions that require entities earning program payments that are subject to limitation to:

- provide the names, address and ID numbers of the entities' members
- inform the entities' members of the requirements for designating "permitted entities"

All payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end-of-year review process. If selected for this review, you will be required to submit all documents which will substantiate your "person" determination. A determination of not "actively engaged in farming" results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of "actively engaged in farming". Spouses may be considered separate "persons" for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and the applicable requirements are met. Noncompliance with the adjusted gross income provisions will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to the adjusted gross income provisions.

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