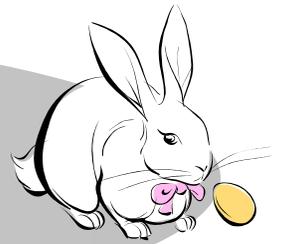


# Wallowa County Harvester USDA Ag Service Center



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**Banking Changes?**

If you have changed banks and not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Payments are electronically transferred into your bank account, if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers, there could be problems. In order to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important that any changes in producer's account such as type of account, bank mergers, routing number or account numbers, be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible payment delay.

**Rural Youth Loans**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths ages 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size, and be initiated, developed, and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Contact the Umatilla FSA Office at (541) 278-8049 extension 2 for more details.

**DCP Deadline Changes**

FSA has changed the deadline for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) until August 3, 2007. This extension is a result of earlier problems with the Farm Service Agency's computer network. A late-file fee of \$100 will only be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3, 2007, and before September 30, 2007. Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began on October 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007. This extension applies **only** to the enrollment time frame, and does not extend the annual DCP contract period of September 30, 2007. Applications signed after September 30, 2007, cannot be approved.

**Snotel – Precipitation Update as of March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Basin	Snow water Equivalent			Total Precipitation		
	Current	Average	% Ave.	Current	Average	%Ave.
Mt. Howard	11.9	16.3	73%	24.1	27.8	87%
Aneroid Lake	*	25.4	*	*	30.3	*

\* Data is missing – Site is not working

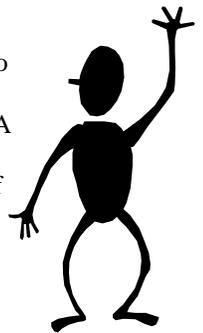
**Acreage Reporting**

Acreage reporting time is just around the corner. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date

**SWCD Says Goodbye to Zupich**

Matt Zupich is off to the state of Washington to manage his uncle's lake resort. The SWCD Board and Staff, along with the NRCS and FSA would like to thank Matt for his hard work and great sense of humor. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor.



**2007 Dates to Remember**

- April 11 – COC Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. (Service Center)
- April 16 – Equal Pay Day
- April 27 – Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day  
[www.takeourdaughtersandsonstowork.org](http://www.takeourdaughtersandsonstowork.org)
- May 7 – Wallowa SWCD Mgt, 7:00 p.m., Extension
- August 3 – 2007 DCP Enrollment Deadline (without late enrollment fee)
- September 28 – 2007 DCP Enrollment Deadline

**FARM LOANS TARGETING SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS**

FSA offers farm loan programs that are designed to help socially disadvantaged farmers purchase and operate family farms. FSA reserves a portion of its loan funds each year to assist in this goal. For purposes of this program, the groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA and include both farm operating and farm ownership loans. Guaranteed loans are also made for these purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to Federal or State supervision and guaranteed by FSA. Typically, FSA guarantees 90 or 95 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails. Please call the office at (541) 278-8049 ext.2 for more information.

**Report Changes by Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Producers are reminded that if any changes that affect the interest in base acres have been made since signing the last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) contract, the **successions-in-interest** must be reported to our office by September 28<sup>th</sup> so that a final determination can be made on program eligibility.

Changes that qualify as a **successor-in-interest** include:

- A sale of land
- A change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- A foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm
- A change in producer shares of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract

If a **succession-in-interest** has taken place, you, as the “predecessor” are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the “successor.”

**- Not reporting a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved. -**

September 28<sup>th</sup> is also the final date for producers to pay a late file fee (\$100 per contract) to enroll in DCP this fiscal year.

**Toll-Free Number for Borrowers**

Direct loan borrowers with USDA’s Farm Service Agency can now check the status of their accounts around the clock using a new toll-free telephone number.

The toll-free number, 1-888-518-4983, is available in both English and Spanish. The system delivers information on active FSA loans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the first call to the new system borrowers will enter their tax identification number or the Social Security Number associated with the loan. They also will need to enter their ZIP code. Borrowers will create a personal identification number for security. Customers must enter their PIN every time they use the system and may change their PIN. The system menu helps the producer access helpful information. The system may also direct borrowers to contact their local FSA servicing office if action is necessary on their accounts.

**Puzzle**

**Seeing is Deceiving**

There is something unusual about each of the 12 words listed below. What is it?

artic	labratory
existence	Fourty
mathmatics	wierd
religous	incredible
temperment	maintanence

Answer to the last puzzle: *Cut 4 apples into 3 pieces each. Cut the three remaining apples into 4 pieces each. Distribute 1/3 and 1/4 portion of each pieces (1/3 + 1/4 = 7/12)*

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