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**Next County Committee**

### Dates to Remember

**November 4** - Election Ballots mailed to voters in the Lostine/Wallowa area

**November 9** - Veteran's Day (Office Closed)

**November 28** - Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)

**December 2** - Final Day to return Election Ballots

**December 9** - Election Ballots Counted

**December 15** - Report all 2014 Haying, Grazing & Fall Planted Crops

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### County Committee Elections

Watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in the Lostine and Wallowa area on Nov. 4, 2013. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the county FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by close

**Meeting:** December 9, 2013 at of business on Dec.2, 2013.  
10:30 a.m.

Candidates for this year's election are: Bobbie Lou Baker, Bruce Lathrop and Melvin Stonebrink.

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## 2013 DCP & CRP Payments

We are in the process of issuing 2013 DCP and CRP annual payments. These payments will be deposited directly into participating producers' bank accounts.

Please check your bank accounts in the next week to ensure that you have been paid. If you have not been paid or question the amount received please give us a call.

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## Reporting Perennial Forage and Fall Seeded Crops

All producers in Wallowa County with a Risk Management Agency insurance policy for Apiculture or Pasture/Range/Forage are required to report their acreage for these crops to FSA by November 15.

December 15 is the deadline for all producers of fall planted and existing stands of Alfalfa Seed, Fall Canola, Perennial Hay Crops and Fall-Seeded Small Grains (including Wheat). Please call Susie for an appointment to certify these crops.

If these crops are not reported by December 15, there will be a minimum late-file charge of \$46.00 for each farm visit.

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## Marketing Assistance Loans

A Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) is available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Commodity loan eligibility also requires compliance with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest and acreage reporting requirements and ensuring that the commodity meets Commodity Credit Corporation minimum grade and quality standards. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical and/or ACRE programs to be eligible for commodity loans.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans. The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification.

Please contact our office for 2014 Commodity Loan Rates.

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## Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Farm operating loans are available as well as loans to purchase or improve farms or ranches. While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant 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, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African-Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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

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