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2010 Non-Insured Assistance Program

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed for all crops that cannot be insured under federal crop insurance. NAP only provides catastrophic insurance coverage (50% yield, 55% price). The cost of an application is \$250 per crop/year and no producer will be required to pay more than \$750 per county/year, no matter how many crops are grown. Producers who acquired NAP coverage in 2009 and want coverage for 2010 must reapply for coverage.

The final deadline to apply is March 15, 2010, for camelina, lentils, mustard, oats and peas. If you have any questions on how to apply for NAP

Changing Banks

Almost all FSA payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. This innovation has cut down on the number of missing and late payments and reduced the time required to move funds. It has been calculated that having a problem with a payment is 20 times greater with checks than with Direct Deposit. Another benefit is that Direct Deposit to your account can be made within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

2010 DCP Signup

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010. USDA urges producers to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or producers can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP contract.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2009. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

Farm Storage Facility Program

This program has been expanded to include hay storage facilities. There are 3 loan terms available (7, 10 & 12 years) with corresponding fixed interest rates for each term. There is a non-refundable \$100 loan application fee and a 20% down payment required. The loan limit is \$500,000 per individual. If you're interested, call Bill at extension 5104.

Holiday Open House

All of us at the Ag Service Center wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. We will be holding a Christmas Get-together at the office December 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come and join us for good food and good company.

Operating Loan Applications Needed Now

Farmers that plan to apply to the FSA for annual operating loan assistance this year are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The earlier an application for loan assistance is filed, the quicker the FSA staff can process your request. In addition, due to budget constraints, farmers that wait until later in the year to apply, run the risk of finding out that our funding allocations have been utilized already. Farmers should also contact Kevin Jordan, Farm Loan Manager or Houston Bruck, Farm Loan Officer at 541-276-8049, extensions 111 and 122 respectively for information as to what is required in order to have a complete loan application on file. Decisions on loans can not be made until a complete application is received.



2009 Dates to Remember

- December 10 – Ag Water Quality biennial review, 10:00 am Extension
- December 10 – Energy Efficiency Workshop 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- December 16 – Ag Service Center Christmas get-together.
- December 25 – Christmas – Office Closed
- January 1 – New Years Eve – Office Closed

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2008 SURE Program

Because Wallowa County is contiguous to two counties (Asotin, WA & Nez Perce, ID) which received 2008 Secretarial Disaster Designations, county producers are potentially eligible for this program.

In addition to county eligibility, producers must also meet the following eligibility criteria:

- **must** obtain Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) coverage on available crops (wheat, barley, oats & canola) on all farms in all counties.
- **must** obtain Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) on all other crops grown on all farms in all counties.

For this program, "farm" refers to all acreage in all counties that is planted or intended to be planted by the producer. A signup date will be announced at a later date.

The ACRE Option

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For 2010, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The payment is based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

The June 1, 2010, deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis (YEA) to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so that their files can be maintained. The office will contact you for the data you will need to provide us.

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