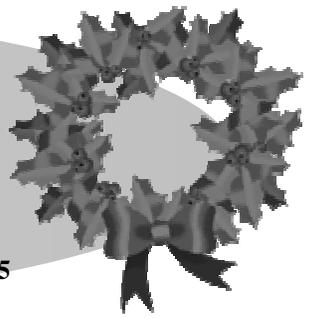


# Wallowa County Harvester USDA Ag Service Center



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## Stonebrink Elected to Committee

Melvin Stonebrink was elected to the Wallowa County FSA Committee in the recent Committee election. He will begin his 3-year term on January 1, 2008 and will represent the agricultural producers from the Lostine/Wallowa area. Other members of the Committee are: Wes Wilsey (Flora/Troy), Alan Klages (Joseph/Enterprise) and Donna Smith, Advisor. Bruce Lathrop was elected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate position.

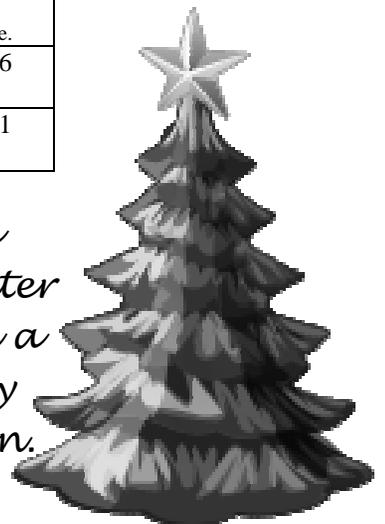
Melvin replaces his dad, Don, who is stepping down after serving 15 years as a Committee alternate and 3 years as a Committeeman. Don is to be commended for his service to the agricultural producers of Wallowa County.

The County Office staff would like to thank all agricultural producers who voted in this election. The County Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the USDA Service Center at 9:00 a.m. (June through October) and at 10:30 a.m. (November through May). All meetings are open to the public.

## Snotel – Precipitation Update as of Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Basin	Snow water Equivalent			Total Precipitation		
	Current	Average	% Ave.	Current	Average	% Ave.
Mt. Howard	6.1	5.3	115	13.6	10.0	136
Aneroid Lake	5.4	7.3	74	11.8	10.6	111

All of us at the  
Ag Service Center  
wish all of you a  
safe and happy  
holiday season.



## 2007 FSA Payments

During the last week of January, producers who received payments from FSA should receive 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 receive 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.

## New FSA Employee

Laura Lee from Imnaha has joined the FSA staff. She replaces Abby Sutfin who transferred to the Owyhee County FSA Office in Marsing, Idaho. Laura will eventually be working in the Conservation, Compliance, Price Support and Federal Crop Insurance programs. Come in and say "Hi".



For your information, Lela will be handling the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), Payment Limitation, GIS, Common Management and Administrative Programs.

Bill will be handling the Crop Disaster and Livestock Compensation Program signup and NAP.

## 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.



## 2007 Dates to Remember

December 18	– Ag Service Get-Together, treats from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm at the Ag Service Center Office
December 24-25	– Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Office Closed
January 1	– New Year's Day – Office Closed
January 8	– Wallowa SWCD mtg, 12:30 p.m., USFS Conference Room
January 9	– Committee Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. – Service Center
January 21	– Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed

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### **SIGN-UP UNDERWAY FOR LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)**

Sign-up is underway for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), a program which provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered 2005 feed losses directly resulting from the drought which occurred from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must have been physically located in Wallowa County on January 1, 2005 and been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation.

To be eligible, producers must have either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock on January 1, 2005 and suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the 2005 drought and the feed lost or additional incurred feed costs were intended for the use of eligible livestock.

Please call for an appointment and be ready to give the following information:

- ❖ number of cows, bulls and non-adult animals (500+#) that you owned or cash-leased on January 1, 2005, that were located in Wallowa County
- ❖ acres grazed, by type
- ❖ additional feed costs incurred, if any
- ❖ your estimate of your grazing loss for 2005

### **SIGN-UP UNDERWAY FOR CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)**

Sign-up is underway for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), a program which provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007 or in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 and 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits on multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

To be eligible, only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Please call for an appointment.

#### ***This Newsletter...***

...is the primary method we have of contacting you, our customer, directly. Our goal in producing the newsletter is to make you *aware* of the availability of farm programs and to periodically remind you of certain program requirements. Please let us know how we are doing and if and how we can improve it.

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