

# Wallowa County Harvester USDA Ag Service Center



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## Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Due to drought conditions, which are still persisting in certain parts of the county, ECP was requested and approved. However, at this time, there are no funds available. Our request has been placed on a list for allocation should funds become available in the future.

In anticipation of future funding, a **signup will be held from Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Livestock producers who do not have enough water to properly utilize available grass on their rangeland are encouraged to sign-up.

Eligible components for cost shares include:

- contractor costs for hauling water to livestock
- portable or permanent holding/storage tanks
- troughs
- truck rental for delivering water to livestock
- personal or hired labor costs for delivering livestock water
- pipelines needed for livestock watering facilities
- construction and deepening wells for livestock water
- developing springs for livestock water

The maximum days allowed for water hauling is 120 and starts on the date of approval of your application. Sites must be inspected to determine eligibility prior to starting the practice. However, if you have already started hauling please sign an application.

In addition, a cultural resource review must be performed for all permanent measures, i.e. well drilling and deepening, spring development, and pipelines.

## 2007 Crop Acreage Reporting

If you are ready to report your crop acres please call the office for an appointment. If you come into the office to file your acreage report, please call Abby at 426-4521, extension 103 ahead of time so that she can be prepared for you.

The deadline is August 15, 2007. Crop reports are required for all producers participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) and for those producers who anticipate requesting a commodity loan or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) or disaster assistance.

## Notices of Loss

Notices of loss for Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) crops **must be filed in this office within 15 days of the disaster event or whenever the loss becomes apparent to the producer.**

If you abandon, destroy, or change your harvest intentions without requesting a crop appraisal, the acreage will be considered to have produced ½ of the APH (Actual Production History) yield guarantee.

## FUTURE LAMB SALES

The Wallowa Livestock Marketing Association lamb shipment dates for 2007 will be on the following Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Wayne Cook's scales. (Please note earlier cut-off time!)

July 21<sup>st</sup>                      August 25<sup>th</sup>                      September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Please notify Larry Waters at 432-7055 by 12:00 noon of the Wednesday prior to shipment dates with the numbers of lambs to ship.

Intermountain Livestock Inc. sales dates are:

July 26<sup>th</sup>                      August 30<sup>th</sup>

For more information about Intermountain Livestock Inc. sales contact them at 963-2158.



## 2007 Dates to Remember

- August 1 – COC Nomination Deadline (Lostine/Wallowa area)
- August 3 – 2007 DCP Enrollment Deadline (without late enrollment fee)
- August 3 – ECP Signup Deadline (Water Hauling/Well Drilling)
- August 6 – Wallowa SWCD mtg, 7:00 p.m., USFS Conference Room
- August 5-11 – Wallowa County Fair
- August 15 – Crop Reporting Deadline
- September 28 – 2007 DCP Enrollment Deadline

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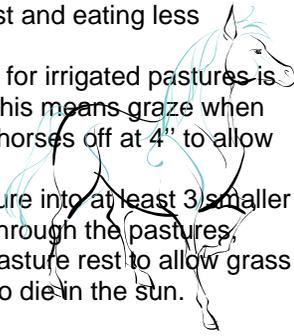
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### Management Tip for Healthy Horses & Clean Water

Over-grazed pastures lead to soil erosion, surface water run-off, and less forage every year. Horses suffer from inhaling dust and eating less desirable forage.

A simple rule of thumb for irrigated pastures is to "graze at 8, no more at 4". This means graze when grass is about 8" tall and take horses off at 4" to allow the grass to re-grow.

Cross-fence your pasture into at least 3 smaller pastures. Rotate your horses through the pastures, providing at least 3 weeks of pasture rest to allow grass to regrow and parasite larvae to die in the sun.



## Puzzle

### Follow the Letter

What is the next letter of the following sequence of letter?

J A S O N ?

Answer to the last puzzle:

degree sentence cheese needle Reserve  
exceed eleven evergreen element reelect

### CRP Important Dates

For Wallowa County, the primary nesting/brood rearing dates is March 1 through July 15. **No activity is allowed on CRP acreage during this period of time except for approved maintenance activities.**

If you have CRP acres and are interested in haying or grazing them, you must file a request prior to the following beginning dates for either activity. Before you can start a revised Conservation Plan must be approved. There will be a 25% payment reduction based on the number of acres hayed or grazed. Spot-checks will be conducted, and maintenance defaults will be assessed for non-compliance.

For Wallowa County these dates are:

**Haying – July 16 through October 13**

**Grazing – August 1 through November 28**

Please contact Lela (extension 102) for more details.

## COC ELECTIONS

Elections will be held in December to choose a representative to serve on the County Committee (COC). This year's election is for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3 or the Lostine/Wallowa area. We are seeking producers from that area only to be placed on the election ballot. Nominations will be accepted through August 1, 2007. Nomination forms are available at our office.

The County Committee administers farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on the Committee help decide the kind of programs their counties will have and how they are run. Committee members make decisions on:

- Program Yields
- Disaster Programs
- Conservation Programs
- General Program Eligibility
- Hear appeals from producers who have received notice of adverse decisions

All farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers of legal voting age are eligible to serve on the COC and vote in the elections.

### COC Election Calendar

Today – Request nomination forms from our office

August 1st – Last day to file nomination forms

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ballots will be mailed to voters in LAA 3

December 3rd – Final day to return ballots

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Final day to count ballots

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Elected member takes office

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