

# What's Cropping Up!

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### 2009 Dates to Remember

-  Aug 14<sup>th</sup>~ Deadline for 2009 DCP or ACRE enrollment
-  Aug 31<sup>st</sup>~ Deadline for fall planted vegetables and vegetable seeds
-  Sep 7<sup>th</sup>~ Labor Day Observed (Office Closed)
-  Sep 30<sup>th</sup>~ Crop Selection Deadline for ACRE
-  Oct 1<sup>st</sup>~ Deadline for NAP garlic, asparagus, mint

*Remember to file NAP Notice of Loss within 15 days of damage occurring or becoming apparent.*

### 2010 NAP Deadlines

August 31, 2009- included, but not limited to- Fall planted vegetable seeds, camelina, carrots, onions and other crops, Christmas trees, cut flowers, greens, herbs (except peppermint)

October 1, 2009- Asparagus, garlic, mint, hops, meadowfoam and sugarbeet

November 20, 2009- Berries, fruits, nuts and honey- Includes young cherries, apples, pears, and grapes, all blueberries, cranberries, and other fruit or nut crops

November 30, 2009- All Forage (Hay) and Grazing crops- Includes alfalfa, clover, grass, and small grains except Oat hay or oat grazing

March 15, 2010- All spring planted crops not mentioned, including- Safflower, sunflower, mustard, melons, legumes (pulse crops), tomatoes, potatoes and squash (pumpkins, etc), oats for hay or graze, beans and broccoli

Are you in NAP but don't understand all that you are responsible for or what NAP is?

Please go to [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/ccc\\_471\\_nap\\_bp.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/ccc_471_nap_bp.pdf) to read the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Basic Provisions. This document outlines all the terms and conditions associated with the NAP Program. Very informative! Don't have web access? Call for a hard copy of the Basic Provisions.

### 2009 Wool, Mohair and Unshorn Pelt LDP's Available

Before you lose beneficial interest of your wool, remember to turn in your production for 2009 wool LDP's. CCC-633EZ must be on file to receive benefits from this program. The Current LDP rate for ungraded wool is 29¢ per pound. Current rate for unshorn pelts is \$1.99 per pelt. Pelt receipts must show that it was unshorn, or a signed statement from the buyer that the lamb was unshorn at slaughter.



### Treasury Offset Program

FSA/CCC payments made by direct deposit have historically been transmitted by Kansas City directly to the Federal Reserve Bank. Beginning August 3, 2009, these payments are now transmitted by KC to Treasury; requiring Federal payments to be processed through the Treasury Offset Program (TOP), so that any delinquent Federal debt can be offset. Potential impacts to program participants who receive USDA program payments are minimal. These impacts include a potential 1 day delay in receipt of funds via direct deposit, the potential for all payments to be offset through TOP and the description on your bank statement will now read as "FSA TREAS 310" instead of "USDA-FSAKCMOCDSP".



### Stimulus Funding for FLP Loans

In Oregon, FSA has helped 303 direct loan applicants gain access to about \$22.7 million in direct Farm Ownership (FO) and Operating Loan (OL) funds, and has helped another 97 guaranteed loan applicants gain access to an additional \$29.4 million in guaranteed FO and OL funds. This grand total of serving 400 loan applicants with about \$52.1 million dollars puts Oregon's FLP volume at the second highest since FSA was created in 1994.

Congress has also allocated additional funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. Call Karen for more information on any farm loan programs you may be interested in.

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Return Service Requested



**Banking Changes!** If you banked at Oregon Territory Federal Credit Union, please bring in your new account information from Rivermark Community Credit Union. Failure to update direct deposit accounts could delay your DCP, CRP, CSP or any other USDA payments. This applies to any and all banking changes.

#### NAP Purchase Reminders

-  **Are your crops eligible for NAP?** Is your hay established? Are your cherries between 3<sup>rd</sup> leaf and 7<sup>th</sup> leaf, depending on rootstock and density? What kind of apples or pears are you raising? Do you have additional crops in other counties that you want covered in NAP? Make sure you are signing up the correct crops in the right counties.
-  **Have you provided proof of control of your land?** Examples: leases, deeds, county tax statement, grazing allotments.
-  **Have you received your NAP Basic Provisions (BP)** They are the provisions of your new NAP policy and have important information to be aware of.
-  **Are you sharing your NAP crop?** If yes, other shares must purchase their own policy (*This includes SPOUSES who share in 50% of the crop*).
-  **Did you remember to turn in ALL of your 2009 FINAL production records?** As well as all previous years' to ensure the best APH possible.

(NAP Reminders continued)

-  **Have you changed the tax identification of your entity?** Make sure you have signed up the right producer for NAP coverage. Signing up the wrong entity could make you ineligible for NAP benefits as well as other programs, including SURE.
-  **Do your acreage reports reflect correct shares, ownership, and farming practices?** If your acreage report does not match your lease or NAP policy (or other insurance policy), you and or your share-holders could lose out on crop program benefits. Make sure you have specified on a producer print WHAT fields you are covering in 2010 NAP.

Sign up for eGov, to conduct business with FSA. Go to <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov> and use your home computer to file forms, apply for programs, check contracts and view your Customer Statement or payment history. All you need is Level 2 eAuthorization, a valid email account and your home computer.

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**Have you completed all payment limitation paperwork?** Please keep the FSA informed of any and all changes you make to farming operations, land control, banking accounts or other pertinent information; new forms for 2009 and subsequent years.

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