

What's Cropping Up!

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2009 Dates to Remember



- Nov 6th~ COC Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- Nov 11th~ Veteran's Day Observed (Office Closed)
- Nov 20th~ NAP Deadline for fruit, berries, nuts and honey; FCIC Deadline for fruit, berries, stone fruits and Actual Revenue History Cherry Pilot
- Nov 26th Thanksgiving Day Observed (Office Closed)
- Nov 30th NAP Deadline for Hay and Grazing crops; FCIC Deadline for Pasture-Rangeland-Forage Vegetation Index Pilot (select counties in ID & OR); Apiculture Vegetation Index Pilot available in ID & OR
- Dec 7th~ Deadline to return or postmark COC Ballots
- Dec 9th~ COC Election Ballots counted, 9 am
- Dec 25th~ Christmas Day Observed (Office Closed)

And the County Committee Nominees Are...!

Elections for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1 and 5 begin in November. Please vote promptly for one nominee. Return your completed ballot in the signed envelope as soon as possible to Wasco/ Hood River County FSA. Your Vote Counts!

LAA 1 North Wasco County:

Margaret Brewer: Margaret raises wheat, cattle and specialty crops in the Emerson area

Carleton Clausen: Carleton resides in Dufur where he raises wheat and cattle

Charlie (Walter) C Hanna: Charlie is a beginning farmer who is raising hay and sheep in Dufur

LAA 5 Upper Hood River Valley:

Donna Cody: Donna raises blueberries, cherries and pears in the Parkdale area

Warren Hunt: Warren grows apples and pears in Parkdale

Paul Klindt: Paul resides in Parkdale where he raises apples, cherries and pears

Mary Thomas: Mary grows cherries and pears in Parkdale

Have you enrolled in ACRE?

Please be sure to sign up EACH YEAR for your ACRE/DCP Payments. These programs are annual sign ups and you must enroll each year to receive your payments. 2010 sign up for DCP and ACRE has begun. Direct Payments may be dispersed in December 2009. Please call Aimee to set up your appointment at 541-298-8559 ext 108.

Banking Changes

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. For example, if you banked at Oregon Territory Federal Credit Union, please bring in your new account information from Rivermark Community Credit Union.

2010 NAP Deadlines

November 20, 2009- Berries, fruits, nuts and honey- Includes all cherries, young 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

NAP Purchase Reminders

Are your crops eligible for NAP? Is your hay established? Are your cherries eligible? What kind of apples or pears are you raising? Do you have more crops in other counties that should be 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.

Are you sharing your NAP crop? If yes, other shares must purchase their own policy. This includes SPOUSES who share in the crop.

Did you remember to turn in ALL of your 2009 FINAL production records?

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.

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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Return Service Requested



EXTENSION TO SPONSOR REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR AG PRODUCERS

 The WSU Extension and the OSU Extension Services announce an educational program called the "Mid-Columbia Farm Enterprise Investigation Series." This program is designed for agricultural producers interested in changing or expanding their enterprise(s) and landowners interested in investigating other agricultural production options. Participants will produce a farm enterprise plan and be able to analyze the viability of the enterprise they are considering.



The series will be conducted at the Mountain View Grange, 1085 Main St. in White Salmon, WA on Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23. For a complete list of topics or to pre-register, please contact Tim Shatraw at 509-773-5817 or tshatraw@wsu.edu. You can also contact Brian Tuck at 541-296-5494.

The cost is \$25 per family; need-based scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient classroom materials. Payment is not required until the first class on Nov. 14.

Farm Loan Funds are Available

FSA has many options for those having difficulty getting funding from traditional lenders:

Direct & Guaranteed Farm Operating Loans for annual farm expenses, equipment & livestock purchases, refinancing farm operating debt, etc.

Direct & Guaranteed Real Estate Loans for purchasing or improving farm real estate.

Special loan programs for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers (Minorities and Women).

Land Sale Contract Guarantees to Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers for purchasing farm real estate.

Special Loan Program for Rural Youth 4-H or FFA projects.

For more information, please contact Karen Bloomdahl at (541) 298-8559 x107 or email karen.bloomdahl@or.usda.gov.

A 2010 Multi-Peril Crop Availability Listing by county is posted on RMA website.

http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/fields/wa_rso/. Producers are encouraged to contact their local agent for additional details. In addition to USDA Service Centers, a listing of crop/livestock agents is also available at, (<http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents>).

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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