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Wasco/ Hood River County FSA Updates

Wasco/ Hood River County FSA would like to remind you of many important deadlines coming up for NAP and Acreage reporting. Please don't miss the last day to purchase NAP or complete your acreage reports! Conservation Reserve Program payments are being issued now, please be checking your bank accounts to verify funds have been deposited. Enjoy the beautiful Autumn weather we have been experiencing.

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Dates to Remember

Nov. 4 ~ COC Ballots Mailed to Eligible Voters
Nov. 11 ~ Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day
Nov. 15 ~ Deadline to report Rangeland Pilot Program Acres
Nov. 20 ~ Deadline to buy NAP for cherries, blueberries and honey
Nov. 28 ~ Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
Nov. 30 ~ Deadline to buy NAP for hay and grazing crops
Dec. 2 ~ Last Day to Return COC Ballots
Dec. 11 ~ County Committee Meeting
Dec. 15 ~ Deadline to file 2014 Acreage Reports for fall planted grain crops and perennial forage crops

2013 County Committee Elections

Watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in South Wasco County LAA 3 on Nov. 4, 2013. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the county FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by close

Karen Bloomdahl
Farm Loans

of business on Dec.2, 2013.

**Wasco/ Hood River County
Committee (COC)**

2013 DCP Final Payments

Stacey Cooper~ Chair
Robert Benton, Jr~ Vice-Chair
Rick Blaine~ Member, LAA 5
Nancy Carter~ Member, LAA 3
Bill Markman~ Member, LAA 2

DCP payments for 2013 will be issued after Oct. 1, 2013. These payments will be deposited directly into participating producers' bank accounts.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the October Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program payments.

Next COC Meeting:

December 11, 2013, 9 am
The Dalles USDA Service
Center Conference Room

Reporting Perennial Forage and Fall Seeded Crops

All producers in Oregon with a Risk Management Agency insurance policy for Apiculture or Pasture/Range/Forage are required to report their acreage for these crops to FSA by November 15. December 15 is the deadline for all producers of fall planted and existing stands of Fall Canola, Perennial Forage (except forage seed crops) and Fall -Seeded Small Grains (including Wheat). Please call for an appointment to certify these crops.

Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H Clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

For more information you can stop by your FSA county office. Our staff can help with preparing and processing the application forms.

Farm Safety

Flowing grain in a storage bin or gravity-flow wagon is like quicksand — it can kill quickly. It takes less than five seconds for a person caught in flowing grain to be trapped.

The mechanical operation of grain handling equipment also presents a real danger. Augers, power take offs, and other moving parts can grab people or clothing.

These hazards, along with pinch points and missing shields, are dangerous for adults and children. It is always advisable to keep children a safe distance from operating farm equipment. Always use extra caution when backing up or maneuvering farm machinery. Ensure everyone is visibly clear and accounted for before machinery is engaged.

Have a productive crop year by keeping safety first and foremost in your operation.

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