

Wasco/Hood River

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2006 Dates To Remember



- Aug 31st~ '07 NAP deadline for fall veggie seeds
- Sept 4th~ Labor Day Observed (office closed)
- Sept 15th~ Deadline for FSA kids' coloring contest
- Sept 30th~ CRP REX Final Approval by COC
- Oct 9th~ Columbus Day Observed (office closed)
- Oct 1st~ '07 NAP deadline for Forage Crops, Rangeland
- Nov 20th~ '07 NAP Deadline for fruit trees, berries, grapes and honey

2005 BARLEY COUNTER CYCLICAL PAYMENTS
Producers with a barley base on their farms with a valid DCP contract in 2005 should have received the 2005 Barley Countercyclical (CC) payment. Barley earned a 2005 CC payment because the effective price of barley fell below the target price of \$2.24/bu. The effective price is calculated by adding the direct payment rate to the higher of the national average loan rate or the national average price received by producers. In the case of barley, the effective price was \$2.09 (Direct payment rate: 24¢ + national average loan rate: \$1.85). If you did not receive a payment and believe you have earned one, please give us a call.

ATTENTION CRP REX PARTICIPANTS!

As you receive your documentation from the FSA on your CRP extensions or reenrollments, please take the time to complete them. COC must approve all final actions by September 30th, 2006. You will need to sign and return all documentation as soon as possible to allow COC to act.

Marketing Assistance Loans Available for 2006 Commodity Crops

With harvest upon us, you may now take a loan out on your 2006 wheat, barley, oats or other commodity crop. Loans are for a 9 month term and may be farm stored or stored at an approved warehouse facility. 2006 loan rates are:

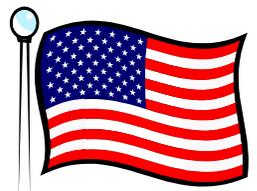
	Wheat	Barley
Hood River	\$3.10	\$2.26
Wasco Co	\$3.05	\$2.21

Initial interest rates are established based on the rate in effect at time loan is issued. The Interest Rate for August is 6.25%. Please contact FSA for more information on commodity loans.

Had A Change in your Farming Operation?

To remain eligible for FSA Programs, you are required to have a CCC-502 "Farm Operating Plan For Payment Limitation". This form MUST BE updated if you change your farming operation. Examples of changes include, but are not limited to:

- Change of Contract shares, reflecting land lease from cash to share rent (or vice versa)
- Modification of variable/fixed bushel rent arrangement
- Changes in the size of producer's farming operation (more OR less cropland)
- Change in the structure of the farming operation, including member's shares
- Change of contributions of farm inputs of capital, equipment, active personal labor, or active personal management
- Acquisition of farming interests not previously disclosed; including those interests of a spouse or minor child



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR 502 IF YOU MAKE ANY CHANGES!

ATTENTION NAP HAY PRODUCERS!!!



For NAP policies, reliable records are required to be compliant with program rules. In order for Hay producers to provide acceptable records on their hay crops, FSA can provide a measurement service. This measurement service should be performed soon after harvest is completed. This measurement service IS FREE OF CHARGE for NAP participants if there are no other means for producers to provide acceptable records. Contact the FSA office so a Loss Adjuster can be requested.

Protect Your NAP Eligibility

If you have a policy for the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP), remember that you MUST file a Notice of Loss (FSA-576) in order to be eligible for payment. The FSA-576 must be filed within **15 days of the disaster event happening, or 15 days from the loss becoming apparent.** Failure to file your loss claim in a timely manner may cause you to be ineligible for a NAP payment.



Preparations are Under Way for 2006 COC Election

To ensure we get as many eligible voters as possible the opportunity to vote in the upcoming County Committee Election, we need your help. Please verify we have you in the correct voting area (LATA) and that your address is correct in our records. If you know of new producers/landowners that may be eligible or if someone you know no longer has an interest in a farm, please contact us to update records. You may drop in to look at voting lists or give us a call to verify accuracy. This will help to keep our county committee process strong and reliable. Thank you for your assistance.

Reminder for kids to enter the FSA Coloring Contest

FSA is hosting a coloring contest for kids; they win a chance to have their drawing posted on the FSA Kids website at www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids. Deadline for entering drawings is September 15th, 2006. Kids can pick up an entry form from the FSA Office, or create their own drawing.

Here are the directions for the kids:

- ✎ Draw a picture of you and your family and friends having a summer picnic and tell us which plants and animals helped make the food you are eating on your picnic
 - For example - milk, cheese and ice cream all start with cows.
 - Bread comes from grains like wheat and rye.
 - Potato salad contains lots of different things that grow on the farm.
- ✎ When you have finished your drawing, write just your first name, your age, and the city and state you live in on the back of your drawing and mail or drop off at: FSA Kids.



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Reminder: Farm Loan Program through FSA has operating and real estate loans available to qualified applicants. Check our website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/or/>, or call Karen at 541-298-8559, ext 2.

Notice to Producers with Failed Crops

If you experience a crop failure on an UN-insured crop (that was insurable) please notify FSA. You have the opportunity to pay for a crop appraisal to verify **actual** losses. This is important for potential Crop Disaster Programs in order for you to earn maximum payments. Without the appraisal, FSA will assign production at the county maximum loss level. This adjusted production will greatly reduce possible CDP payments.

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