

What's Cropping Up!

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FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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2008 Dates to Remember



-  Nov 11th~ Veteran's Day Observed (Office Closed)
-  Nov 27th~ Thanksgiving Day Observed (Office Closed)
-  Dec 1st~ **Deadline for COC Election ballots** (returned or postmarked)
-  Dec 1st~ **Deadline to purchase NAP** for all fall planted crops, young fruit trees, honey, grazing, hay, etc
-  Dec 8th~ COC ballots counted at Wasco/ Hood River COC meeting

Verifiable Records

Verifiable production records for an eligible crop must be submitted by the producer to support an application for payment or as required to support a certification of production. Verifiable records of production include contemporaneous records provided by the producer that:

- ❖ May be verified by CCC through an independent source
- ❖ Are used to substantiate the amount of production reported.
Verifiable records shall:
 - ❖ be dated
 - ❖ show disposition of the crop's production, including quantity and price
 - ❖ be seasonal or crop specific for crops that are produced more than once in a calendar year
 - ❖ be provided if they exist:
 - together with the producer's certification of production in support of any application for payment
 - Whenever a record of production is otherwise required by CCC.

How to Report Production

Acceptable production records must be submitted by production reporting date (PRD) by the producer for the current crop year. Production records acceptable to CCC include verifiable or reliable:

- ❖ commercial receipts, settlement sheets, warehouse ledger sheets, pick records, or load summaries if the eligible crop was sold or otherwise disposed of through commercial channels
- ❖ documentary evidence, such as contemporaneous measurements, truck scale tickets, pick records, and contemporaneous diaries, as necessary, to verify information provided by the producer if the eligible crop was stored, sold, fed to livestock, or otherwise disposed of other than through commercial channels
- ❖ Appraisal information from a loss adjuster acceptable to CCC.

Please see the sample of the Cherry Production Record FSA requires for NAP or crop disaster programs.

Reliable Records

In the event the submission of production records is required and verifiable records are not available, the producer shall provide any documentation available, including, but not limited to:

- ❖ copies of receipts
- ❖ ledgers of income
- ❖ income statements of deposit slips
- ❖ register tapes
- ❖ invoices for custom harvesting
- ❖ pick records

Note: All producers of hand harvested crops will be required to request an appraisal after harvest is complete but before the destruction of the crop to document any production left in the field when CCC-576 is filed because of loss. (FSA will pay the appraisal fees.)

Disaster Aid for Quality Losses: 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers and orchardists who suffered production and/or quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007. Only producers who obtained federal crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers who incurred qualifying losses must choose only one year to receive benefits. The maximum benefit available is \$80,000. We are currently processing quality loss applications. If you have not submitted information for the 2005-2007 production or quality losses yet, you still have time. Please call the FSA office at 541-298-8559 ext 2 to make an appointment. We will be contacting those producers who have already submitted their applications. **If you have not submitted production similar to the sample included, please do so as soon as possible.**



Sample of Production Evidence that FSA needs for NAP and Crop Disaster Programs*

(This may have a different title from different packing houses, but the info and format is generally the same. This type of report is also available for brine summaries, freezer summaries and/or canner summaries. FSA requires the processed summary reports as well as the fresh reports.)

				FRP541
Fresh Summary Report				9/17/08
2ND & FINAL 2008 TIETON POOL 4				7.57.55
Grower: _____ # _____				
3	54 TIETON	Pool 04 6/25/08 thru 6/27/08	Pool summary	
Total bins 14 Description Pounds Rate Amount				
8.5 Row & L 202				
9 Row & L 1,079				
9.5 Row & L 1,214				
10 Row & L 742				
10.5 Row & L 136				
Packout Total: 3,373 77%				
Processed #'s → Briners 43				
S/O 13Row 89				
Payable Total: 3,505 81%				
Undersized and cull totals → Culls 619				
Trash 229				
Total Delivered: 4,353				
CHARGES				
Sales Charge 3,373				
Packing Charge 3,373				
In-Weight Charge 4,353				
Cull Charge 619				
Inspection 3,373				
Total Charges: _____				
Return per packed lbs Return Delivered Lbs Return to grower: _____				
DEDUCTIONS				
CGFC 4,353 .00187457 8.16				
OSCC 3,373 .01350133 45.54				
WCMC 3,373 .00040024 1.35				
Total Deductions: 55.05				
Net to Grower: _____				
Previous Advances: _____				
Due to Grower: _____				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Normally displays net amount paid to producer </div>				
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-top: 10px;"> Salvage value paid for culls and undersized fruit </div>				

*Some data has been removed to protect the identity of growers and/or packing facilities

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COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION NOMINEES

Nominees for Local Administrative Area
(LAA) 1 NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY

Dean McAllister
Stacey Cooper
Steve Agidius
Wade Root



Nominees for LAA 4, LOWER HOOD RIVER VALLEY

Bob Benton
Jeannette Copper
Betty Packer
Kenneth Packer, Jr.
David Tallman

As you complete your ballot for the  Wasco/ Hood River County Committee, **please remember to sign the signature area properly.** This means you must have signing authority for the entity, or POA for individuals. If signing for an entity, please write the word “**by**” in front of your signature, with your capacity as signer behind the signature. Please try to keep your signature on the label, as the label will be peeled off.

(Example: By Fred Astaire, for Hollywood Dancers, LLC, Manager). Failure to properly sign the ballot envelope will render your ballot invalid and it will not be counted for the election. Follow the directions given on the ballot return envelope to properly seal it in **two** places after you have signed in the signature area. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to the importance of electing your voice on the Wasco/ Hood River County Committee.

Filing a Notice of Loss

Imperative to any producer with Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) coverage: You must file a notice of loss (FSA-576) if you have incurred any crop damage for the 2008 crop year due to adverse weather. The FSA-576 maintains the crop's eligibility for potential disaster payments through the NAP program. The notice must be filed within 15 days of the loss occurring or becoming apparent. Once a notice is filed, it is the producer's responsibility to inform FSA if the crop will be harvested.

Many producers filed a notice of loss last spring. Please remember to bring in production records that will be used for loss purposes or for your APH. The deadline to submit production records and/or submit payment application will be next year's acreage report deadline, June 1st. **All harvested and unharvested acres require an appraisal (paid for by FSA) from a Crop Loss Adjuster if you have filed a notice of loss.** Please contact the Wasco /Hood River FSA for more information or any questions.



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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Secretarial Disaster Designation for Wasco County, Oregon, 2008

In September, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture declared Wasco County, Oregon as a primary natural disaster area due to freezing temperatures last spring. Contiguous counties affected by this designation are Clackamas, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Marion, Sherman, Wheeler and Klickitat.

This designation qualifies these listed counties for low interest emergency (EM) loans. Farmers in these counties have 8 months from Sept 25 to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. Other programs made available to assist farmers and ranchers include the Emergency Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Additional information may be obtained at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Farm Loans Available! Contact Karen Bloomdahl at 541-298-8559 ext 107

Direct loans for operating purposes for up to \$300,000 are available to qualified producers. FSA's loan programs are designed to help family farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. FSA also provides credit to beginning farmers or members of socially disadvantaged groups who do not have sufficient net worth to qualify for commercial credit. Beginning farmers must have been in agriculture less than 10 years and meet certain other requirements. Agriculturists who have suffered financial setbacks from natural and economic disasters, or who have limited resources with which to establish and maintain profitable farming operations may also be eligible for USDA loans.



NAP Deadline Extended To December 1st, 2008

All 2009 coverage for fall planted crops, orchard crops, honey, hay, grazing or any other crop with a fall NAP deadline has been extended. Please purchase NAP coverage for 2009 by Dec. 1st, 08. Due to the elimination of CAT coverage for FCIC cherries, all 2009 cherries may be covered by NAP. Please contact the Wasco/ Hood River FSA office for further details.

2009 Acreage Reporting has Begun



Judy has started the 2009 acreage reporting (FSA-578). Please make an appointment to complete your acreage report. The accuracy of your acreage report is vital to crop insurance, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP), current and future crop disaster programs and other USDA farm programs. When providing your crop information please ensure the correct crop acres are planted, precise shares, accurate planting dates and

other producers on the farm are complete as well. If your farming entity has changes or you have a new operator, now is the time to make the appropriate changes. With the 2008 Farm Bill being passed, it has never been more important to have accurate records on file at the Farm Service Agency. **Failure to have accurate records may render you ineligible for farm programs.** Please call the Wasco/ Hood River FSA at 541-298-8559 ext 106 to set up your appointment. Thank you in advance for your promptness and thorough review of your 2009 Acreage Reports.



Thank You Veterans!

If you are making any changes to your farming operation, bank accounts, adding or removing farm ground or altering any other information, please keep your FSA records current. Failure to update records may result in loss or delay of program payments.

No Longer getting your email flash?
Please make sure your email hasn't changed or your mail box isn't full. Kevin gets about 50% of the emails he sends as flashes back as undeliverable. Keep informed, keep us up-to-date!