

Wasco/Hood River FSA News

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2007 Dates to Remember



- 🍅 Oct 20th~ Begin taking CDP/ LCP Appointments
- 🍅 Nov 2nd~ COC Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- 🍅 Nov 11th~ **Veteran's Day** observed (office closed)
- 🍅 Nov 20th~ NAP Deadline for young fruit
- 🍅 Nov 22nd~ **Thanksgiving Day** observed (office closed)
- 🍅 Dec 3rd~ Deadline for postmarked Ballots
- 🍅 Dec 6th~ COC Election

Please Vote!

County Committee Nominations

LAA 3 (South Wasco County) county committee nominations are closed. Nominees are Janie Dodge, Tim Morelli, Herb Snodgrass and Van Woodside. Committee members are an integral component in shaping federal farm programs and implementing them locally.

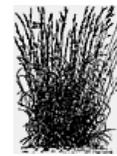
Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning November 2nd. If you are an eligible voter in LAA 3 and do not receive a ballot, please stop by the FSA office to vote.

Deadline for returning ballots for this year's COC election is December 3rd.

DISASTER AID AVAILABLE FOR 2005, 2006 AND 2007 CROP YEARS

Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007 (if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007. In the case of prevented plantings, crops must have been intended before February 28, 2007 for '07 crops). Producers who incurred qualifying 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Only producers insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. The maximum \$80,000. Please call to set up an appointment after October 20, 2007.



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Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

LCP compensates livestock producers for grazing or stored feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. For Wasco and Hood River Counties, the loss must have occurred between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2005. Contact The FSA office to set up an appointment beginning October 20th, 2007.



These are new programs and are different from previous years. The FSA office is currently waiting for software to begin sign ups for these programs. The FSA staff conducted training on these new programs in early October, so we will be ready when the software is available. Please be patient and have information available to complete all paperwork and eligibility requirements.

If you would like more information about the FSA programs you can obtain fact sheets on-line at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing> or you can stop by the FSA office for a copy of the fact sheet.

2007 DCP Final Payments have been made, check your bank accounts

2008 NAP DEADLINES

FSA is currently taking applications for 2008 Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops. NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or natural disasters. Nap fees are the producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$900/ producer with farming interests in multiple counties.



Crops eligible for NAP coverage are crops for which catastrophic crop insurance is not available. For a complete list of eligible crops, please contact the Wasco/Hood River County FSA office.

Eligible causes of loss are natural disasters that occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the NAP crop. Examples of natural disasters include, but are not limited to, damaging weather (drought, freeze or hail), adverse natural occurrence (earthquake or flood) or a condition relating to one of the above.

2008 NAP crop closing dates are:

August 31, 2007	October 1, 2007	November 20, 2007	March 15, 2008	May 31, 2008
Fall planted veggie seeds, canola, carrots, onions and other seed crops; Christmas trees, cut flowers, ornamental nursery, herbs (except peppermint)	All forage (hay) crops: includes alfalfa, grass, clover, small grains & mixed forage; GRAZING crops (rangeland), mint and other perennials not mentioned, including garlic, sugar beets and hops	Berries, fruits, nuts and honey: Includes young cherries, apples, pears, and grapes, all blueberries, cranberries, and other fruit or nut crops	All spring planted crops not mentioned, including safflower, sunflower, mustard, legumes, potatoes and squash (pumpkins, etc)	Buckwheat



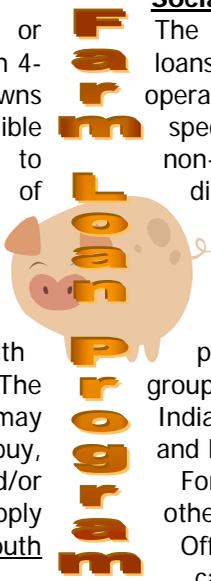
And the Winner Is...

Thank you for the great newsletter name suggestions you have submitted. We have narrowed them down to our top 5 choices. Please vote for your favorite as soon as possible: 1. Stalks & Stems, 2. Wasco/Hood River Crop News, 3. Pickin' & Tillin', 4. Stubble & Pits, 5. Columbia Gorge FSA News



Youth Project Loans

Youths, ages 10 to 20 years, who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States involved in 4-H, FFA or similar organizations and who reside in towns with a population of less than 10,000 may be eligible for project loans. These loans are to be used to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth practical business and education experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000 and those funds may be used to buy livestock, equipment and supplies; buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment; and/or operating expenses for running the project. To apply you need to complete FSA 2301 Request for Youth Loan, by contacting Karen Bloomdahl 541-298-8559.



Socially Disadvantaged Persons

The Farm Service Agency can make and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-sized farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year but non-reserved funds may also be utilized. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is defined as a member of a group who has been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as a member of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For the purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups include women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

For more information on the previously described or other farm loans, contact Karen Bloomdahl, Farm Loan Officer, 2325 River Rd Ste 1, The Dalles OR 97058 or call for an appointment at 541-298-8559, Ext. 109.

FARM RECORDS

CHANGES?? A new fiscal year is here!--with that comes possible changes to your farming operations. If you have bought, sold or are renting different land make sure you report the changes to the FSA staff at your local FSA office as soon as possible so your farm records can be updated for the 2008 crop year.

For any farm ownership changes you will need to contract. Cash leases must also be provided for their tax identification numbers. Changes in report the updates. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm programs.



provide a recorded deed or recorded land eligibility purposes. All landowners must furnish entities (ie: individual to corporation) must also

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES?

If you have had any changes in your bank account since we last paid you, you need to contact the FSA office and update your information so your payment will not be held up from being incorrect. The FSA office has made payments in October – so let us know soon as possible of any change

Announcing 2007 loan rates for Commodity Loans!

With the completion of harvest, it is time to start thinking about 2007 wheat loans. If you are planning on taking out a Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) for your 2007 grain, please contact Dorothy at the FSA office.



2007 rates:	County	Wheat Rate	Barley Rate
	Wasco	\$2.94	\$2.25
	Hood River	\$2.99	\$2.30



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