

What's News in FSA

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Tom Duyck, Chairperson

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Crystal VanderZanden, Regular Member



Crystal VanderZanden Elected to County Office Committee (COC) for a Three Year Term



As a result of the 2007 COC election, Crystal VanderZanden has been elected to serve a three year term as a COC regular member. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her and look forward to working with her through the upcoming years.

February Important Dates

- Black History Month
- American Heart Month
- Feb 19th – Washington's Birthday, Office Closed
- Feb 25th – Mar 4th – Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- March 15th – Closing date for AGR-Lite signup



Farm Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land parcels make sure you report changes to the FSA office as soon as possible after they occur. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land of which you have interest can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in FSA programs.

Harold Alfred Wyatt Agricultural Scholarship

Mr. Harold Wyatt, former CEO of Flavorland Foods in Forest Grove, established this agriculture scholarship for individuals who major in agriculture fields or science and technology fields that impact agriculture (i.e. horticultural science, genetics, etc.).



Eligible applicants include:

- Graduates of Western Washington County High Schools
- Residents of Western Washington County while in high school but attended a private high school elsewhere
- College students attending a nonprofit college or university in the United States

Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarship Application (OSAC). You may also apply online through OSAC's website at www.getcollegefunds.org.

Selection is based on financial need and academic potential. First preference is given to graduates of Forest Grove then to Banks students. Candidates may apply and compete annually for 4 years. If you have questions, contact Gail Stinnett at 503-648-3174 x106.

Whole-Farm Insurance Program/Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Program

This is a reminder for farmers and ranchers that Adjusted Gross Revenue Lite (AGR-Lite) program date is approaching. March 15, 2007 is the final date to obtain 2007 AGR-Lite insurance for NEW APPLICATION/ENROLLMENT POLICIES. This is also the final date to obtain or change all other spring seeded crop insurance coverage (excluding wheat in counties w/fall and spring planted types). Producers are encouraged to contact a local multi-peril crop insurance agent to learn additional details about this program. Producers can find a listing of insurance agents on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website at <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/> or contact your crop insurance agent.

****Crop Loss Adjuster Job Position Available****

Currently FSA is seeking qualified candidates for Crop Loss Adjuster. Candidates must submit job resume to the Clackamas County FSA Office. Applications must be received by **March 16, 2007**. If you have any questions please contact Ralph Meyer by email at ralph.meyer@or.usda.gov or by phone at 503-655-3144 x 2.

**2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program
(DCP) Signup**

Annual DCP signup is currently in progress. The deadline is June 1st, 2007, sign-up after June 1st will result in a \$100 late filing fee. We encourage everyone to come in early to sign-up. Appointments can also be made if we need to get you in and out of the office quickly by calling Dennis at 503-648-3174 ext. 100.

Emergency Loans for Disaster Assistance

FSA can provide Emergency Loans for specific disaster situations that have been declared by the President, or the Secretary of Agriculture. There is only a limited amount of time to apply. (NOTE: Applicants must meet all requirements for FSA's regular farm loan assistance.) Right now, the eligible disasters are:

- Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, & Mudslides 11/5/06 thru 11/7/06 (Washington Co.)
- Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, & Mudslides 11/2/06 thru 11/11/06 (Columbia Co.)