

# What's News in FSA



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## County Committee:

Kay C VanNatta, Chairperson

Crystal VanderZanden, Vice-Chairperson

Tom Duyck, Regular Member



## County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Tom Duyck, he has been re-elected to serve on the Washington/Columbia County FSA Committee. Ken Van Dyke will serve as first alternate for Local Administrative Area 2. Thank you, voters, for taking the time to complete and return your election ballot. The 2008 County Committee is comprised of Kay C VanNatta, Chairperson, Crystal VanderZanden, Vice-Chairperson and Tom Duyck, Regular Member.

Our meetings will be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, 8:00 a.m. at the Hillsboro Service Center.



## EMERGENCY COMPENSATION PROGRAM SIGNUP

A number of farms sustaining flood damage in Columbia and Washington County in early December have resulted in our office accepting applications for cost-share assistance to remove debris from farm land, pasture seeding and restoring permanent fences. To date, funding has been requested and do not know when funds will become available. Signup begins **February 8<sup>th</sup>** and will end **February 29<sup>th</sup>**, to schedule a field check; please contact Heidi Duggan by calling 503-648-3174, ext 120 or Gail Stinnett at 503-648-3174 ext 106.

## Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

LCP provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered 2007 feed losses resulting from the recent flood in December 2007. To be eligible, the livestock must have been physically located in Columbia/Washington County on January 1, 2007 and been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation. Producers must have either owned or cash-leased eligible livestock on January 1, 2007 and suffered an eligible loss from produced or purchased forage, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the 2007 flood and the feed lost or additional feed cost incurred were intended for the use of eligible livestock.

The following information must be provided:

- Number of cows, bulls and non-adult animals (500#) that you owned or cash-leased on January 1, 2007, that were located in Columbia/Washington County.
- Acres grazed by type (range, improved pasture, etc.)
- Additional feed costs incurred, if any
- Your estimate of grazing loss for 2007



Please call Peggy Kinkade at 503-648-3174 ext 105 or Gail Stinnett at 503-648-3174 ext 106. Ask about Livestock Incentive Program (LIP), if you had livestock that drowned or died due to the flooding.

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

This is a reminder that the deadline for the Adjusted Gross Revenue Lite (AGR-Lite) program is approaching. March 15, 2008 is the final date to obtain 2008 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.



## Special Accommodations

Farm Service Agency programs are available to all eligible interested persons including those with disabilities. Special accommodations will be made upon request for those with disabilities, vision, or hearing impairments. If such accommodations are needed, please contact Gail Stinnett at 503-648-3174 ext 106.



## AFIDA

Foreign investors who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land must report these holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture within 90 days. This may be done by completing form FSA-153, available at any Farm Service Agency. The report is required by law and persons who fail to report, or who are late reporting, face possible fines.

## Controlled Substance

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies, and other drug producing plants.

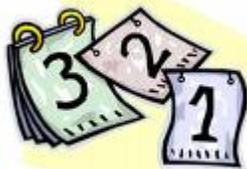


## Spousal Signatures

Husband and wife may sign documents on behalf of each other for Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corporation Programs in which either has an interest. A written request for exclusion may be filed for either person.

## February is Black History Month

### Dates to Remember



- Feb 14 Valentines Day
- Feb 18 George Washington's Birthday – Office Closed
- Feb 29 ECP Deadline
- Mar 15 AGR-Lite Insurance Signup Deadline

## March is Women's History Month

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