



July 2009



Washington County FSA News

Washington County FSA

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Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Committee

Eileen Hansen, Chairperson
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Committee meets 2nd Wednesday of Month

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Cindy Zimmerman, FLM
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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 3 – County Committee nomination period ends

August 14 – Acreage Reporting deadline for spring seeded crops

August 14 – Final day to enroll in DCP and/or ACRE

September 13 – Final day to file Notice of Loss and submit application on 2008 Livestock Deaths

September 13 – Final day to file Notice of Loss on livestock losses that occurred between 1/1/09 – 7/12/09

On-going – Continuous CRP, Farm Guaranteed Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Rural Youth Loans.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The nomination period for farmers and ranchers interested in serving on the Washington County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee ends August 3, 2009

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate. The 2009 Washington County Committee Election will occur in Local Administrative Area #2

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reports are required for many of the programs offered through the Farm Service Agency. The reports are used for determining program eligibility as well as calculating program benefits.

For the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program, participants are required to report 100% of the cropland on participating farms.

For disaster programs included in the 2008 Farm Bill accurate acreage reports are a necessity. For Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) benefits, producers must provide acreage reports on all crops in which they have an interest. This includes pastures and hay lands not reported in the past. For Livestock Feed Program (LFP) benefits, all pastures and grazing lands in which a producer has an interest must be reported.

Typically, the acreage deadline for spring-seeded crops is August 1st. However for 2009, the spring-seeded acreage reporting deadline has been extended to **August 14, 2009**. For an appointment contact the Washington County FSA Office at (785) 325-2253

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

A number of producers have reported livestock deaths caused by the extreme heat and humidity.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality as a result of adverse weather. Eligible disaster conditions may include blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires. Federal Regulations for LIP were published on July 2, 2009. Signup for LIP started July 13, 2009.

Producers will need to provide documentation detailing the proof of death to indicate that the livestock deaths are a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event. It will also be necessary for producers to provide documents detailing the quantity and kind, type and weight range of livestock that died as a result of the adverse weather event. Documentation may include, but is not limited to the following: bank or other loan documents, FEMA records, tax records, National Guard records, private insurance documents, production records, property tax records, purchase records, rendering truck receipts, veterinarian records, and written contracts.

In the event verifiable documentation is not available, producers will be required to present reliable records documenting the proof of death along with verifiable beginning and ending livestock inventory.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and application for payment for 2008 or 2009 losses:

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit Application
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

2009 WASHINGTON COUNTY LOAN RATES

WHEAT HRW	\$2.62 BU	CORN	\$1.90 BU
SRW	\$1.88 BU	SORGHUM	\$3.26 CWT
OATS	\$1.37 BU	SOYBEANS	\$4.87 BU
BARLEY	\$1.70 BU	SUNFLOWER	\$9.52 CWT

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Need more grain storage? Then consider FSA's Farm Storage Facility Loan program. Under the program, eligible producers can borrow up to 85 percent of their net costs (up to \$100,000 for each borrower signing the note) for storage and handling equipment. Loans may be made for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. The maximum term of the loan is 7 years, and current interest rate for July is 3.250 percent. Loans are secured with a promissory note and security agreement. A 15% down payment is also required. Please contact our office for more information about facility loans.

NAP DEADLINES

Following are the deadlines for Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP).

Applications for Coverage

September 1- Aquaculture, Canola, Christmas Trees, Nursery Crops, Speltz, Turf Grass Sod, and all Small Grain Crops, except Oats.

December 1 - All Grasses plus Alfalfa, Apricots, Asparagus, Blueberries, Cranberries (Blackberries & Raspberries), Cherries, Clover, Grapes, Lespedeza, Honey, Mixed Forage, Nectarines, Oats, Peaches, Plums, Strawberries, and Vetch.

January 1 - Apples, and Pears.

March 15 - coarse grains, vegetable and melon crops plus, Amaranth, Chestnuts, Cotton, Pecans, Pumpkins, Safflower, Sesame, Squash, and Walnuts.

File Notice of Loss

15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date damage is apparent.

Report Production

Must be reported no later than the subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop.

ACRE\DCP SIGNUP DEADLINE NEARS

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a new program authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill. The ACRE alternative provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price.

Producers who elect the ACRE program for a farm agree to:

- forgo counter-cyclical payments;
- accept a 20-percent reduction of the direct payments; and
- accept a 30-percent reduction in loan rates for all commodities produced on the farm

Commodities eligible for ACRE payments are wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, peanuts, soybeans, sunflower seed, canola, flaxseed, safflower, mustard seed, rapeseed, sesame seed, crambe, dry peas, lentils, small chickpeas and large chickpeas.

The ACRE program was created to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

To elect ACRE for a farm, producers must complete Form CCC-509 ACRE, which irrevocably elects ACRE for the farm through crop year 2012. Form CCC-509, the contract to participate in ACRE, must then be completed each year the producer intends to participate and receive benefits.

Besides ACRE, producers still have the option to enroll in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

The signup deadline for the 2009 DCP\ACRE is **August 14, 2009**. FSA cannot accept any late-filed application for these programs.

FARMS WITH 10 BASE ACRES OR LESS

A farm may not receive ACRE\DCP payments if the sum of the base acres of covered commodities on the farm is 10 acres or less. Unless 1 of the following exceptions apply:

- the owner is an individual and is socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer or rancher
- the owner is a group of individuals and 50 percent of the ownership interest are socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers
- the owner is an entity and 50 percent of the ownership interest of the entity are socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmers or ranchers