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# YAKIMA COUNTY FSA NEWS

## Yakima County FSA

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## Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
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## County Committee

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## Next COC Meeting

February 27, 2007  
9:00 AM

## Dates to Remember

- March 15- NAP Application Deadline
- March 31- Loan/LDP deadline for wheat, barley, oats and honey

## FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>  
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>  
USDA- <http://www.usda.gov>



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## FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

*Daniel T. Martinez* was elected to serve on the County Committee for a 3-year term. *Dan* will serve with current members *Nadeen Boyle* and *Linda North-Spaulding* on the Committee. *Cherryl Gutierrez* was elected as first alternate to the Committee. *Jose J. Guzman* was elected as second alternate to the Committee. We would like to thank the candidates in this year's election for their willingness to run, and also everyone who took time to vote. The County Committee is your link to USDA, making local control possible in implementing FSA programs.

## SPOUSAL SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

A husband and wife can sign most documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office. There are limited exceptions to the spousal signature provisions for specific programs and for farm loans.

## REPORT OF PAYMENTS

All producers who received FSA program payments during calendar year 2006 should have received a Form CCC-1099-G, in the latter part of January. This form indicates the amount of payments that you received during the calendar year 2006. The amounts listed on this form have been reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

In addition, producers who had a farm credit loan with the Farm Service Agency in 2006 should have received Form FmHA 1951-9 at the end of January. This is an Annual Statement of Loan Account and provides useful income tax information such as interest paid in calendar year 2006.

## PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

The following programs administered by FSA have a maximum annual payment limitation per "person" per program year:

- \$40,000 for DCP Direct payments, and \$65,000 for Counter-Cyclical program payments
- \$75,000 for Loan Deficiency Payments and market gains.
- \$100,000 for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
- \$50,000 for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- \$10,000 for the Trade Adjustment Assistance program

Program benefits subject to a payment limitation can not be provided to any producer until the necessary payment eligibility determinations are made by the County FSA Committee. In order for the Committee to make this review, the producer must file a Farm Operating Plan. The plan is filed on a form CCC-502. The plan specifies information needed by the Committee to determine if the applicant is "actively engaged in farming" such as, who provides the land, capital, equipment, labor and management for the farming operation.

For farms owned or operated by corporations, partnerships, joint ventures (including husband & wife joint ventures), trusts or estates, the Committee reviews the Farm Operating Plan to determine how many "persons" (payment limitations) will be allowed. Corporations, trusts and partnerships must also provide the names, addresses and ID numbers of the members. For these purposes, the payment limitation status date is April 1, 2007.

This information filed is subject to spot-check. Consequently, it is important that the information provided on these forms be accurate, specifically the contributions of members of entities and joint operations.

## ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI)

The 2002 Farm Bill enacted the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation provision. Under this provision, producers whose 3-year average adjusted gross income exceeds \$2.5 million are ineligible for most FSA programs, unless more than 75% of the income came from farming, ranching, or forestry. Producers certify their eligibility under this provision on a CCC-526 form.

## NONINSURED CROP LOSS COVERAGE

Producers may now purchase catastrophic crop loss coverage for noninsurable 2007 spring planted crops under the *Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)*. The cost of the coverage will be \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per County. **The application closing date is March 15** for most spring planted crops, including vegetable seed crops. Producers interested in this program should call our office for an appointment to apply.

## EMERGENCY LOANS

Producers in Yakima County may be eligible for emergency loans under the following disaster declaration by the Secretary of Agriculture. The declaration covers damages and losses caused by the following conditions:

- Adverse weather conditions since April 1, 2006; (*May 1, 2007 application deadline*).
- Severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides which occurred November 2-11, 2006; (*August 12, 2007 application deadline*).

For more information on emergency loans please contact our office.

## 2007 DCP PROGRAM SIGNUP

Producers who will be operating farms in 2007 with crop acreage bases established under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment (DCP) program may signup now. Producers have until June 1, 2007 to enroll farms in the 2007 DCP program.

There are two types of payments available for producers who participate in the DCP program:

**Direct Payments**- Regardless of the price of commodities, direct payments will be issued annually on 85% of the crop acreage base times the payment yield. Direct payment rates include 52 cents/bu for wheat, 28 cents/bu for corn, 24 cents/bu for barley and 2.4 cents/bu for oats. 22% of the direct payments can be requested at signup.

**Counter-Cyclical Payments**- Will be paid if market prices fall below certain levels during the 12-month

marketing periods for each commodity. Depending on the comparison between national average market levels and target prices, it is possible that counter-cyclical payments could be paid 3 times during the crop year.

## 2006 GRAIN LOANS AND LDP'S

All wheat, corn, barley, oats and grain sorghum are eligible for price support benefits for 2006. Producers have a choice between taking-out a regular 9 month Price Support Loan or receiving a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP). Producers can check the LDP rates daily on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/ldp/>. **March 31, 2007** is the final date to request a CCC commodity loan or loan deficiency payment (LDP) on 2006 crop wheat, barley, oats or honey

## FOREIGN INVESTORS NEED TO REPORT

The Agricultural Foreign Investor Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires foreign investors who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land to report that transaction within 90 days. This requirement also pertains to leases in excess of ten years. Failure to report may result in a penalty of 25 percent of the fair market value of the land.

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing loss. If accommodations are required, please contact Brian Miller at (509) 454-5746 Ext. 101.

## BANK CHANGES?

If you have a direct deposit request on file with our office, please remember to let us know if you change banks or account numbers. Sending funds to a closed account will delay your payments.

Se habla español en esta oficina de FSA. Si quiere información tocante a los programas de crédito, conservación y otros programas que suministra esta oficina, por favor visite o llame la oficina de FSA. El número de teléfono es (509) 454-5746. La dirección se encuentra encima.