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MANAGING WET SOILS AND DITCHES HOW TO AVOID PENALTIES !!!

Management of wet soils, sub-surface drainage, removing trees and improving ditches is essential to farm management. However, if you are in USDA programs, ***you are required to check with FSA and/or NRCS prior to implementing any of the above work.***

If you do physical altering of wet areas and/or waterways without checking with FSA, it could result in violation of USDA rules and with a loss of payments. USDA would rather work with you BEFORE you get into a violation.

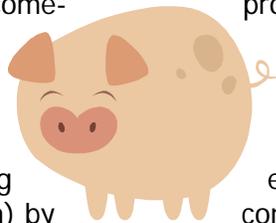
If you are going to do any physical management, improvement or changes to any wet or poorly drained land, waterways or ditches, ***get information from USDA on that piece of land before you do any work on it.***

Each year, when you visit FSA, if you are going to do any of the above changes, ***your role*** is to fill out a new AD1026 AND note on the form that you are physically altering a field. It honestly is better for your farming operation (and our ability to help you) to find out any issues with draining wet areas or clearing ditches BEFORE you do it, rather than having to work with NRCS to determine if you have a wetland violation.

For any work you do on your property, 1) keep any tiling records and maps of land you farm &, 2) when improving or repairing drainage tiles, use a digital camera to record the tiles you are replacing or repairing. If you are using USDA programs (or somebody in the future will use USDA programs), USDA has specific rules about altering/improving wet areas and waterways. ***Let's work together to help you manage your farms for sustained profit and watershed health.*** Contact us BEFORE you do that management on your farmland and you will be able to make a more informed decision.

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-part of an organized and supervised program with the help of the organization advisor, provide the youth practical business and \$5,000 and those funds may be used to buy needed tools and equipment; and/or operating complete FSA 2301 (Request for Youth Loan) by



producing projects of modest size. Each project must be of work. The project must be planned and operated produce sufficient income to repay the loan and education experience. The maximum loan amount is livestock, equipment and supplies; buy, rent or repair expenses for running the project. To apply you need to contacting Peggy Kinkade at 503-648-3174 X 2.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES!!



If you have changed your bank or bank account number please contact the FSA office and let us know!! Final payment for the Direct & Counter-Cyclical Payment program will be completed the first of October as well as CRP & CREP payments. Our records must be up to date to be able to pay you timely.

IF YOU HAVE GRAINS OR CORN SILAGE CHECK WITH THE FSA OFFICE TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SIGNED A CCC-633EZ BEFORE YOU LOSE BENEFICIAL INTEREST!

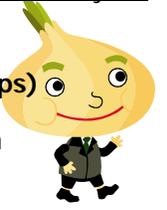


Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to commercial crops or agricultural commodities, except livestock, for which CAT level coverage is not available in crop insurance. NAP and Crop Insurance coverage on all crops is required for additional crop, livestock and honeybee disaster programs.

Application Closing Dates, 2011 and later Crop Years for Yamhill County: (list may include insurable crops)

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| August 31 | Beets, cabbage, canola, carrots, Christmas trees, flowers, greens, herbs (except mint), onions, radish |
| October 1 | Asparagus, garlic, mint, hops, meadowfoam, sugarbeet, triticale grain |
| November 20 | Apples, apricots, blueberries, caneberries, chestnuts, cherries, cranberries, grapes, hazelnuts, honey, nectarines, peaches, pears, plums, prunes, strawberries, walnuts |
| November 30 | All forage and grazing crops except oats. All grasses and legumes for seed. |
| March 15 | Beans, broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, lentils, mustard, oats, peas, potatoes, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato, watermelon |
| May 15 | Buckwheat |



Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop(s) for 2011, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop(s).

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee. **Service fees are \$250 per crop pay type / \$750 per county / \$2250 per producer.**

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

- Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. (For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.) And submit production before 6/30 of the following year.
- File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

LOANS FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED



FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or to improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants, those traditionally underserved by USDA. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.



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NRCS knows a good thing when they see it and have hired Sergio to join their team here in McMinnville. His FSA family wishes him well in his new adventure and he will be missed by all of us.

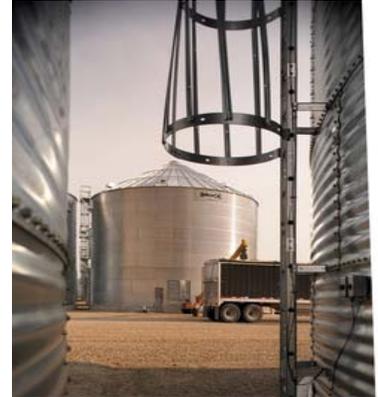
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Do you have waterways on your property that could be improved with a vegetative cover? Are there eroded areas close to water sources like rivers and streams? Would you like to improve the area to prevent runoff from reaching the waterways, improve wildlife habitat and remove noxious weeds? The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) provides incentives and annual rental payments to install buffers and riparian areas to assist landowners with those concerns. CREP will reimburse you for retiring cropland or pastureland, surrounding streams, ponds and rivers, from agricultural production. Come into the FSA office and sign a CRP-2C and then visit with Amie Loop-Frison in SWCD to get the process started. The CRP-2C is just a way for FSA and SWCD to track the interest in the program and does not obligate you to anything, only a fully signed contract obligates you and FSA.

Farm storage facility loan program

Changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program have been implemented in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, which will allow producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers FSFL on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10, or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.



Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount.

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: 1) wheat, barley, oats harvested as whole grain; 2) corn, wheat, oats or barley harvested as other-than-whole grain; 3) Pulse crops – lentils, small chickpeas, and dry peas; 4) Hay; 5) Renewable biomass; 6) Fruits (including nuts) and vegetables – cold storage.

For more information please visit your FSA county office or WWW.fsa.usda.gov

Possible Standard Conservation Reserve Program Sign Up

There is a high probability that there will be a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup period before the end of September 30, 2010. FSA encourages producers to pay attention to future news releases, newsletters and post card notices. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. These are competitive sign ups at a national level based on the "Environmental Benefits Index". If you are interested let the office know and we will put you on a mailing list for information when the sign up is announced.

Foreign Investors Must Report United States Agricultural Land Holdings



"Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction".

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land".

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more. Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land uses changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Get an FSA-153 from the local office or on line at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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REVOCABLE TRUSTS

Revocable trusts may use the Social Security number (SS#) during the lifetime of the grantor and while the grantor is serving as the trustee of the trust. However, on appointment of a third party as trustee or successor trustee the trust will be required to apply for and use a new Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN may be requested online from the IRS at www.IRS.gov.

Dates to Remember

- August 31 - NAP application closing date- beets, cabbage, carrots, Christmas Trees, flowers, greens, herbs, onions, radish
- August 31 - Crop Ins. application closing date- canola
- September 6 - **Labor Day - Office Closed**
- September 30 - Crop Ins. Wheat (all policies); dry peas, Barley (winter & spring)
- October - Final DCP payments will be made and CRP annual rental payments
- October 1 - NAP application closing date - Asparagus, garlic, mint, hops, meadow foam, sugarbeet, triticale grain
- October 11 - **Columbus Day - Office Closed**

*October is National Disability
Employment Awareness Month*

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