



SEPTEMBER 2009 YAMHILL COUNTY AG NEWS



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County Committee Elections

Voting Begins November 6

Nominations are for LAA area #3; this area is south of Baker Creek Road and Hwy 99W, west of the Lafayette Highway and west of the Hopewell Highway. This takes in southern McMinnville, SW Lafayette, Amity, Sheridan and Willamina.

The following persons have been nominated:

Dave Cruickshank – Dave is a third generation Yamhill County farmer currently growing seed crops, hay & grain, and a few beef cows on a small family farm. Dave is on the Yamhill County Soil & Water Conservation District board and has served on various related boards & committees.

Mike Freeman – Mike is a second generation Yamhill County farmer currently growing wheat, clovers, sugar beets, flowers, and grass seed. Mike also has some livestock and grows grass hay.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6 and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec 7, 2009.

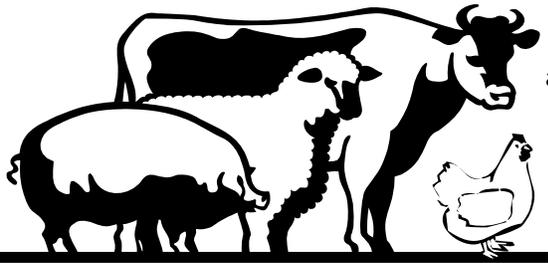
Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote. When signing the ballot for an entity (including trusts) there must be signing authority on file in the county office. No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

Livestock Indemnity Program

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. Using funds from the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund established under section 902 of the Trade Act of 1974, the program is administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to **adverse weather**, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses. For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit

| Livestock Death | Final Date to File a Notice of Loss | Final Date to Submit an 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 |



your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> .



IF YOU HAVE GRAINS THAT ARE IN STORAGE CHECK WITH THE FSA OFFICE TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SIGNED A CCC-633 EZ BEFORE YOU LOOSE 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 each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available. NAP and Crop Insurance coverage on all crops is required for additional crop disaster programs.

Application Closing Dates, 2010 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, cantaloupe, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, lentils, mustard, oats, peas, potatoes, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato, watermelon |
| May 15 | Buckwheat |



Producers who already have coverage on 2009 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2010, 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 or crops.

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.
- 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.



Linda Miller is Retiring!

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Please stop by the office to wish Linda well in her retirement any time, open house will be Sept 21 – 30.

Note from Linda: Thank you to all Yamhill County producers for making my job enjoyable! It has been a pleasure working with each one of you and getting to know you. I will miss our chat times and maybe.. some of the work....not!

CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



The Conservation Stewardship Program is offered as a continuous signup, and applications are accepted year-round.

NRCS will announce cutoff periods to begin application evaluation and selection for funding. Program provides eligible participants with financial and technical assistance to producers to maintain and manage the existing conservation on their land while also undertaking additional conservation activities. Eligible lands include cropland, grazing land, non-industrial private forest lands, and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe.

To be considered for **Fiscal Year 2009 funding**, applicants must complete the following steps by Sept. 30, 2009:

- ◆ Complete a Self-Screening Checklist
- ◆ Work with local USDA Service Center to verify their program eligibility
- ◆ Submit a program application form – CPA-1200 and Appendix
- ◆ Submit an operation map, aerial photograph or overlay that identifies their agricultural and/or forest operation and associated acreage amounts.

These packets are available at your local NRCS or FSA office. If interested you can pick up a packet or call and request one to be mailed to you. For further information you can check out the Oregon NRCS website at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp/index.html>

NEW PAYMENT LIMITATIONS FOR 2009

The 2008 Farm Bill provisions stipulate that for the 2009 crop year and later, **Direct Attribution** will be used to limit the total payments to individuals and entities. In other words, all program payments made to individuals or entities will be attributed to the individual and to the entity. That means if the individual is a member of a farming entity (corporation, trust, etc.) that payment will now be attributed to the individual partners or members in addition to the entity.



Another change for 2009 is that all participants must make an **active contribution in an entity**. All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, in the form of the following:

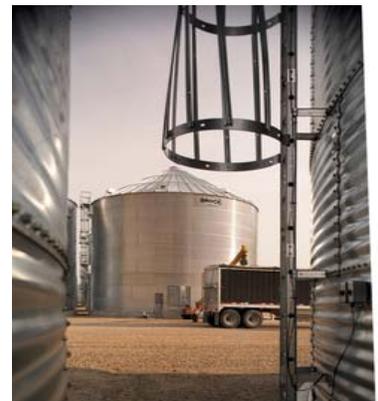


- 1) active personal labor, or
 - 2) active personal management, or
 - 3) a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation;
- Note that there are exceptions for spouses. For more detailed information on this and other programs please contact your local FSA office.

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.**

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AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, & OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES & OBSERVANCE



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15
OCTOBER 15, 2009

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 7 - **Labor Day - Office Closed**
- September 13 - LIP - last day to apply & file notice of loss (see page 1 article)
- September 30 - Deadline for 2009 Conservation Stewardship Program signup
- 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 12 - **Columbus Day - Office Closed**
- October 15 - SWCD Annual Meeting
- October 28 - Intergrated Pest Management Workshop <http://www.ipmnet.org/>
- November 2 - SURE sign-up starts

Yamhill SWCD 56th Annual Celebration

Where: McMinnville Grand Ballroom
When: October 15th, 2009 5:30 to 8:15 PM
Keynote: Dr. Brenda Bateman, Oregon Department of Water Resources
Catering: By Fresh Palate Café
RSVP: 503-472-6403
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*October is National Disability
Employment Awareness Month*

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