



# AUGUST 2006 YAMHILL COUNTY AG NEWS



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## CRP/CREP COVER MAINTENANCE

Producers who have a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) contract are required to maintain your CRP/CREP acres according to the conservation plan you agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technician. You need to make sure you: 1) Have adequate approved vegetative cover to control erosion for the contract period. 2) Control weeds and other types of undesirable vegetation. 3) Take control measures outside of the primary nesting season.

Please keep in mind mowing for cosmetic purposes are prohibited. That is why it is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP/CREP land.



## FARM RECONSTITUTIONS

In Farm Service Agency terms, farms are *constituted* to have all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is called for. The reconstitution or "recon" is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. One of the methods used when doing a farm recon is the "Designation of Landowner Method"

Designation of Landowner Method - may be used when the farm has base acres.

1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; 2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; 3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; 4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; 5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or 6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. This method cannot be used to divide allotments or quotas, if the parent farm is located in two or more counties and the allotment and quotas cannot be transferred from one county to another by sale, lease or owner. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding. August 1, 2006 is the last day to request a recon for the 2006 crop year.

## BENEFICIAL INTEREST POLICY CHANGES

**Wheat, oats, corn silage, honey, wool, mohair, pelts, dry peas & barley**

The policy on beneficial interest has been amended. Detailed information about the changes is available from the county Farm Service Agency. The following are some brief explanations:

**Open Storage** - Producers who deliver to a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) approved warehouse, and the commodity is placed in open storage for a term of 15 calendar days or more, will lose beneficial interest in the commodity on the 16<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the physical delivery unless an approved warehouse receipt can be provided to the producer.

**Unapproved Facilities** - Producers who deliver commodities to a facility where the commodity is commingled with commodities from other producers are ineligible for a marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment, if the facility is not authorized by state or federal law to store such commodities for the benefit of producers. Therefore, delivery of commodities to a location that is not considered a CCC approved or state or federally licensed facility will result in the loss of beneficial interest in the commodity on the date of physical delivery. Deliveries of a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, pit, ethanol plant, wool pool, feed mill, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery, regardless of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer.

**Seed & Hybrid Seed Contract Producers** - Commodities produced under a contract in which the title to the seed remains with the entity and the entity provides the seed to the producer, including contracts for the production of hybrid seed and other specialty seeds, are eligible to be pledged as collateral for a MAL and/or LDP. Beneficial interest in the commodity will be considered lost the earlier of the date: a) a payment is received for the commodity b) the commodity is delivered to the contract company.

**Purchased Commodity** - A person who purchases or otherwise acquires a commodity from a producer under any circumstances does not have beneficial interest in the commodity regardless if the purchase or acquisition is made before or after the harvest of the commodity.

If you have any questions regarding beneficial interest please contact the county FSA office.



### DO YOU NEED MONEY TO KEEP ON FARMING?

FSA can help you out of a jam! We have many options for those having difficulty getting funding from traditional lenders. For further information please call Suzanne Hayes - Phone: 503-648-3174 X116

### NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) 2007 APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

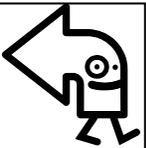
- ❖ August 31 - Onions, radish, carrots, canola, cabbage, (seed or fresh)
- ❖ August 31 - Fish, oysters, Christmas Trees, ornamental nursery, turf grass sod, cut flowers, mushrooms, & other value loss crops.
- ❖ August 31 - Any fall planted crops not mentioned
- ❖ October 1 - Grass, alfalfa, small grain forage (fall or spring planted) other forage crops, grazing & other perennials not mentioned.
- ❖ October 1 - Mint, grass seed, clover seed, and alfalfa seed.
- ❖ November 20 - Berries, fruit and honey

### FINANCIAL INQUIRIES WEBSITE

The Financial Inquiries website provides enhanced customer service to producers by allowing instant access to financial information such as payments, collections, debt, and CCC-1099G data. Producers can have access to both summary and detailed information thus reducing the need to request information from the local County Office. Producers will need to set up an eAuth account to be able to use this site. Contact the FSA office about how to get signed up and get your eAuth account started.

The Financial Inquiries website can be found at:  
[http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/FSAIntranet\\_applications.html](http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/FSAIntranet_applications.html)

### IMPORTANT DATES

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- Aug 1** - Last day to file nomination form for committee election
  - Aug 1** - Last day to request recon for 2006
  - Aug 14** - Last day to apply for emergency loan for production losses occurring between March 15 & June 30, 2005
  - Aug 31** - Application closing date for some NAP crops  
See above article
  - Sept 30** - Final date for 2006 DCP contract revisions
  - October 1** - Application closing date for some NAP crops  
See above article
  - October 1** - 2007 DCP program sign up starts
  - After October 1, final 2006 DCP payments and 2006 CRP payment will be made**



### **2006 NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Producers who have NAP coverage are reminded to notify the FSA office when a crop or planting is affected by a natural disaster. You must notify your local FSA office by completing Part B, Notice of Loss, on Form CCC-576, Application for Payment, within 15 days of the:

- Natural disaster occurrence;
- Final planting date, if your planting was prevented by a natural disaster;
- Date damage to the crop or loss of production becomes apparent to you ; or
- The normal harvest date.



Producers must have suffered a more than 50% loss of production due to a weather related cause to be eligible.

### **CROP DISASTER FOR 2005 or 2006**

If you have suffered a crop loss due to weather related causes on any of your crops for the 2006 crop year you may want to get your information and paper work together while the information is fresh in your mind and records are readily available. There is always the potential that congress will pass legislation for a crop disaster program when national weather related disasters occur. The FSA office can help in letting you know what kind of information you will need to have. If you have any questions regarding crop disaster please feel free to call our office at any time.

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