



# JANUARY 2008 YAMHILL COUNTY AG NEWS

YAMHILL COUNTY FSA OFFICE  
2200 SW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET—MCMINNVILLE  
TELEPHONE: 503-472-1474 EXTENSION 2  
FACSIMILE: 503-472-2459

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.FSA.USDA.GOV/OR/OR.HTM](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/or/or.htm)



## County Committee

Lester Sitton, Member  
Zach Christensen, Member  
Arne Goddik, Member

## Office Staff

Darca Glasgow, CED – Ext 103 - [darca.glasgow@or.usda.gov](mailto:darca.glasgow@or.usda.gov)  
Linda Miller, PT – Ext 106 - [linda.miller@or.usda.gov](mailto:linda.miller@or.usda.gov)  
Lorie Atkinson, PT – Ext 100 - [lorie.atkinson@or.usda.gov](mailto:lorie.atkinson@or.usda.gov)  
Kenna West, PT - Ext 105 – [kenna.west@or.usda.gov](mailto:kenna.west@or.usda.gov)

## Farm Loan

Nancy Thompson, FLM - [nancy.thompson@or.usda.gov](mailto:nancy.thompson@or.usda.gov)  
Suzanne Hayes, FLO – [suzanne.hayes@or.usda.gov](mailto:suzanne.hayes@or.usda.gov)  
Phone – Hillsboro FSA Office – 503-648-3174 Ext 2

## DISASTER AID AVAILABLE FOR 2005, 2006 AND 2007 CROP YEARS

### Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005 through 2006 and for 2007 crops. The planting date for 2007 crops has been extended from 2/28/07 to 12/31/07 this applies to any crop planted or intended to be planted for 2007 harvest. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to receive benefits. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. The maximum benefit available is \$80,000. Sign-up for CDP began October 15, 2007, and no deadline for sign-up at this time.

### County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Arne Goddik and Zach Christensen!  
Zach was re-elected to represent farms from Area 3 (West of Lafayette Hwy & South of Baker Creek Rd) and Arne was elected to represent farmers from area 2 (East of Abbey Rd, Kuehne Rd & North Valley Rd and East of Lafayette Hwy). The County Committee representing Yamhill County farmers are as follows: Lester Sitton, Zach Christensen & Arne Goddik.



FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

The committee will hold their organizational meeting in January to determine who will serve as the County Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

### Attention Producers, Landowners

Do you intend to clear land, create or to expand existing crop areas?

- Are you converting a pasture field into a crop field?
- Are there any areas on your farms(s) that you are considering cropping that have not been cropped in recent years?
- Is there a wet spot in a field that you want to drain to make cropping easier?
- Are you disturbing a wildlife habitat area of any type?
- Are you doing anything different on your farms(s) this year?



These are Highly Erodible and Wetlands provision questions need to be considered each year by producers to ensure that they may remain eligible for USDA benefits. If you have any questions or concerns that something you plan to do on your farm could jeopardize your eligibility for benefits, please contact your FSA office before you begin work, VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

## **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) & Conservation Reserve Enhancement (CREP) Weed Control**

Participants are reminded that as part of your agreement to participate in CREP, you are required to control the growth of noxious weeds on CREP acres. The conservation plan for your CREP acres outline specific instructions on the control of weeds.



Please remember you are part of the larger agriculture community and any lack of control on your part may have an adverse impact on your neighbor(s). Please make an effort to be a good neighbor and control your weeds.

## **2008 Farm Program and Farm record Changes**

The 2008 Farm Bill has not yet been established by Congress, we are still in waiting mode. We will publish a newsletter as soon as we find out what the program will be for 2008.



If you have any changes to your farming operation such as new owners, new ground or lost ground please update your records with the FSA office as soon as possible. If you have changed your operation to an entity or have changed entity type, entity members, or member percentage please notify the FSA office of these corrections along with any new tax ID numbers. If you have new leases with your landowners we will need copies of them.

For any farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax identification numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm programs.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 21** - Martin Luther King Day  
- Office Closed  
**January 31** - Last day to apply for  
2007 wool LDP  
**February 18** - Presidents Day -  
Office Closed  
**May 1** - Closing date to purchase  
RMA coverage for Nursery Crops  
**May 31** - Sales closing date to  
purchase RMA coverage for  
Buckwheat

## **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.

## **BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES**

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office staff that your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be



delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

## **EMERGENCY LOANS AVAILABLE**



**FARMERS IN A COUNTY SUCH AS YAMHILL COUNTY WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION WHO SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER IN 2007 MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR LOW-INTEREST EMERGENCY LOANS FROM THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY IF UNABLE TO GET FINANCING ELSEWHERE. THESE LOANS CARRY AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.75 PERCENT.**

- **PRODUCTION LOSSES. ELIGIBLE FARMERS CAN USE EMERGENCY LOAN FUNDS TO RECOVER A PORTION OF LOSSES ON GROWING CROPS THAT WERE DESTROYED.**
- **PHYSICAL LOSSES. ELIGIBLE FARMERS CAN ALSO USE EMERGENCY LOAN FUNDS TO REPAIR OR REBUILD ESSENTIAL FARM BUILDINGS, CLEAN DEBRIS OR PREPARE LAND FOR REPLANTING, AND TO REPLACE LIVESTOCK, SUPPLIES AND HARVESTED CROPS ON HAND OR IN STORAGE THAT WERE LOST.**

### **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 50,000 may be eligible for project loans. These loans are to be used to establish and operate moderate income-producing, agriculture-related educational project. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. Loan funds cannot be used for real estate improvements, refinancing debts, or financing a personal vehicle. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth practical business and education experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000 and those funds may be used to buy livestock, equipment and supplies; buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment; and/or operating expenses for running the project. To apply you need to complete FSA 2301 (Request for Youth Loan) by contacting Peggy Kinkade at 503-648-3174 X 2.



### **Socially Disadvantaged Persons**

The Farm Service Agency can make and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-sized farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year but non-reserved funds may also be utilized. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is defined as a member of a group who has been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as a member of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For the purposes of this program socially disadvantaged groups include women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.



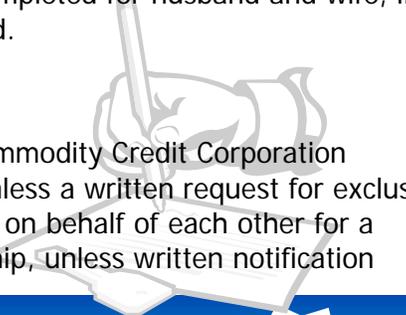
For more information on the above described farm loans contact Nancy Thomson, Farm Loan Manager, 1080 SW Baseline, Suite B-3, Hillsboro, OR 97123 or call for an appointment at 503-648-3174, Ext. 116.

### **Power of Attorney**

For those who find it difficult to visit the county office personally because of work schedules, distance, health, etc., FSA has a power of attorney form available that enables you to designate another person to conduct your business at the office. If you are interested, please contact our office or any Farm Service Agency office near you for more information. If you want a crop loan, a power of attorney form will need to be completed for husband and wife, if both do not come into the office to sign the forms on the day the loan is disbursed.

### **Spousal Signatures**

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either person. Exception: Spouses may sign on behalf of each other for a husband/wife joint venture with a permanent tax ID number and sole proprietorship, unless written notification



denying a spouse authority has been provided to the County Office.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

YAMHILL COUNTY FSA

2200 SW 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET

McMINNVILLE, OR 97128-5444

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
TUALATIN OR  
PERMIT NO. 71

Return Service Requested



## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES

January - National Mentoring Month - [www.mentoring.org](http://www.mentoring.org)



Martin Luther King Jr.  
January 21



February 18 – President's Day



February is Black History Month



February - American Heart Month



February 3 - National Wear Red Day  
Women's Heart Disease Awareness



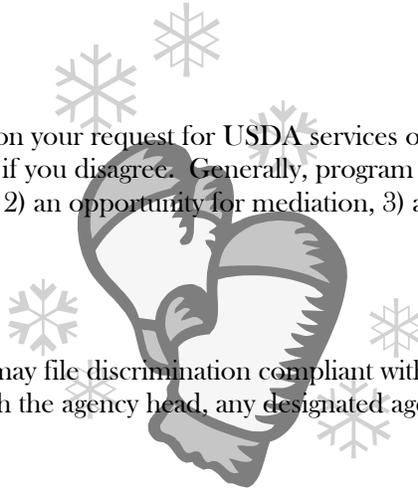
"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

### Complaint Process

After an FSA official makes a decision on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree. Generally, program participants have four choices - 1) an informal review with the original agency decision-maker, 2) an opportunity for mediation, 3) appeal to State Committee and 4) appeal to the USDA National Appeal Division (NAD).

### Civil Rights Compliant Process

Any person, class or group of persons may file discrimination complaint within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head, any designated agency official or the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.



Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250. Assistance in filing a complaint can be obtained by calling or visiting the FSA office.