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SUCCESSION PLANNING WORKSHOP

OSU Extension Service has a succession planning workshop called "Ties to the Land." This workshop will address the important issue of passing the business and its supporting land base on to the following generation. This is available to family forestland owners, farmers, wine-makers, other land-based family businesses, and professionals working with such landowner families. This workshop is on Friday May 4th, 2007 from 12:30-4:30 PM at the Marion County Public Works building (5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR). Workshop fee is \$50 for the first family member and \$10 for each additional family member. For more information and to register call or visit the Yamhill County OSU Extension Office (503) 434-7517. Workshop registration deadline is May 1st 2007.

DCP SIGN-UP EXTENSION FOR 2007 CROP YEAR



2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program sign-up has been extended from June 1, 2007 to August 3, 2007. We will not be making phone calls to remind you to come in and sign-up. If you do have changes in your farming operation or would like for us to be prepared for you when you come in, please call ahead of time and we can have your paperwork ready for you when you arrive. Remember any sign-ups after August 3rd will be assessed a \$100 late fee per farm.



FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

Low cost Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of permanently affixed eligible storage facilities, drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins or flat-type storage structures including permanent concrete floors and bulkheads, pits, bunker-type open silo structures, or upright silo-type structures. Storage can be used for a variety of commodities including wheat, silage, and corn. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. For additional loan requirements and details, contact the Yamhill County FSA office staff.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS/ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED PERSONS

FSA programs are available to all eligible persons including those with disabilities. Special accommodations will be made upon request for those with disabilities, vision, or hearing impairments. If such accommodations are needed, please call Darca Glasgow at (503) 472-1474, Ext. 2.



DIRECT DEPOSIT - BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

If you have recently changed your financial institution or had made changes to your account information, we (FSA) must have a new direct deposit form (SF-1199A) completed along with a written statement directing our department to terminate your old direct deposit form. This is needed to ensure that you will receive your future payments in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact the FSA office.

IMPORTANT DATES

May - Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month



May 5th - Cinco De Mayo



May 28th - Memorial Day (Office closed)



May 31st - Last day for Corn silage & Dry Peas loans and LDP's for 2006 crop

June 30th - Crop Acreage Report Deadline

July 4th - Independence Day (Office closed)



August 3rd - Deadline for DCP Enrollment for 2007

AGRICULTURE FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE (AFIDA)

USDA regulations specify when foreign persons acquire or transfer an interest in US agricultural land, (crop, ranch, and timberland) such transactions shall be disclosed to the Secretary of Agriculture on AFIDA Report form FSA-153, within 90 calendar days of the date of the transaction. Failure to report timely could result in a civil penalty of up to 25% of the fair market value of the interest held in the agriculture land.



EMERGENCY LOANS

Recently Emergency Loans for specific disaster situations that have been declared by the President, or the Secretary of Agriculture are available. There is only a limited amount of time to apply for an Emergency Loan. Currently the eligible disaster:

Presidential Declaration M1672 - Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides

Disaster Dates: November 5th - November 8th 2006

Emergency Loan Application Deadline August 29th, 2007

Secretarial Designation M1683 - Severe Winter Storm and Flooding

Disaster Dates: December 14th - December 15th, 2006

Emergency Loan Application Deadline - October 22nd, 2006

For more information, please contact Suzanne Hayes at (503) 648-3174, Ext. 2.

(NOTE: Applicants must meet all requirements for FSA's regular farm loan assistance.)



DO YOU HAVE A CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM (CSP) CONTRACT ?

If you are planning on selling or buying land with a CSP contract on it, please contact NRCS prior to the sale. This will insure a successful transfer of the contract to a new landowner if they want to take over the CSP contract.

As some CSP payments are made in advance, the current landowner may be liable for returning payments to USDA if contract transfer is not done in a timely manner. If you have any questions please contact NRCS at 503-472-1474 and ask for Ken Hale (ext. 101) or Kim Hudnall (ext. 109).

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

We would like to remind everyone of some specific NAP rules during this 2007 crop season. It is necessary to contact the FSA office:

- When you think you have had weather damage to your crop.
- At the point you decide not to harvest your crop, you need to notify the FSA office immediately so we can send out a crop adjuster.
- Notify the FSA office within 15 days if you decide to do a partial harvest so we can send out an adjuster to appraise the part not being harvested.
- If you plan on destroying a crop, please notify the FSA office prior to the destruction so an appraisal can be done.

It is important for you to remember that you only have **15** days from the date of the event or when you are aware of any crop losses/damages to file a Notice of Loss (CCC-576). Production records must be submitted no later than the following crop year acreage reporting due date, June 30th of every calendar year.

CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Federal regulations discourage the production of crops on highly erodible cropland unless the land is protected from erosion by an approved conservation system. Status reviews are conducted to ensure producers follow a conservation plan on highly erodible land.

In addition to the highly erodible land, a person may not plant an agricultural commodity on wetland converted after Dec. 23, 1985, or convert a wetland to make agricultural production possible after Nov. 28, 1990.

Failure to comply with these provisions will cause a person to be ineligible for USDA benefits. County Committees may review noncompliance situations for good faith and provide relief in approved cases.



REPORTING CROP ACREAGE FOR 2007

DEADLINE IS JUNE 30TH

We are in the process of taking acreage reports for 2007. If you have not reported your 2007 crops on your maps please contact the office to make an appointment to get this completed as soon as possible. Deadline is June 30th, 2007. Acreages need to be as accurate as possible for all crops and land uses, including failed acreages. Exceptions to the deadline are crops covered by Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) which need to be reported by June 30th or 15 days prior to harvest, whichever date is earlier. Crop acreage reporting is a requirement for all producers participating in CRP, DCP, NAP, and the commodity loan or LDP program. Crop disaster programs implemented at a future date normally require acreage reports as well. Acreage reports not completed by June 30th will have to pay a late file measurement service fee.

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CRP/CREP COVER MAINTENANCE

Producers who have a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Contracts are required to maintain CRP/CREP acres according to the conservation plan agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technician. You need to make sure to: 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.

It is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP/CREP land.

2007 AND 2008 GENERAL CRP SIGN-UP SCHEDULE

The President's fiscal year 2008 budget has indicated that there will be no general Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-ups for either fiscal year 2007 or 2008. However, Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCREP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), or Farmed Wetland Program (FWP) signups for this same time period are assumed to occur during fiscal year 2007 and 2008.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program, offered by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), gives financial incentives to producers to improve natural resources on their operations. Applications for EQIP are accepted year round. Selections will be made in fall for water quality and quantity for 2008 funded applications. Priority resource concerns for 2008 will be discussed in an upcoming meeting (TBA) where producers will be invited to attend and share ideas on what resource concerns should be focused on.

If you want funding for 2008, or get information, please call Ken Hale, Yamhill County District Conservationist @ 503-472-1474 X 101 or Kim Hudnall, Yamhill County Soil Conservationist @ 503-472-1474 X 109. Applications for 2008 EQIP are available in the office, located next door to FSA.

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