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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 if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007. In the case of prevented plantings, crops must have been intended to be planted before February 28, 2007. 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. Producers eligible for CDP may also receive benefits under LIP. Sign-up for CDP starts October 15, 2007.



Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

LCP compensates livestock producers for grazing or stored feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. For Yamhill County the loss must have occurred between March 15, 2005 & June 30, 2005, or December 14 & 15, 2006, or December 18, 2005 thru January 21, 2006. The following are among the types of commercial livestock operations that will be eligible for LCP: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared Presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 are eligible. Contact your local office for specifics. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which to receive benefits. Sign-up for LCP started September 10, 2007.



Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007. See LCP article for specific disaster dates for Yamhill County. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits. The following are among the types of livestock operations that may be eligible for LIP: beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, chickens, reindeer, sheep, swine and turkeys. The livestock must have been maintained for a commercial farming operation and *does not include* wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as hunting, pets, roping or for show.



To be eligible for LIP an owner's livestock must have died in an eligible county as a direct result of an eligible disaster after January 1, 2005 and before February 28, 2007, no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the disaster period (but before 2/28/07) and in the calendar year for which benefits are requested. Sign-up for LIP

began September 10, 1007.

These are new programs and are different from previous years. Little is currently known of how these programs will work. The FSA office is currently waiting for software to conduct these programs and the timetable is still unknown. Due to this, the FSA staff will be conducting training on these new programs mid October. Until then, if you would like to drop off information to apply for this program after September 10th, please call and make an appointment and the office will manually take your information.

If you would like more information about the above programs you can obtain fact sheets on-line at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing> or you can stop by the FSA office for a copy of the fact sheet.

FARM RECORDS

CHANGES?? A new fiscal year is fast approaching---with that comes possible changes to your farming operations. If you have bought, sold or are changes to the FSA staff at your local Farm so your farm records can be updated for the



renting different land make sure you report the Service Agency county office as soon as possible 2008 crop year.

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

September 10 – LCP & LIP Sign-up Begins

October 1 – NAP deadline for fall crops

October 8 – Columbus Day Observed
(office will be closed)

October 15 – CDP Sign-up Begins

October 19 – last day for EQIP applications for consideration for 2008 funding

November 11 – Veterans Day Observed
(office will be closed)

November 20 – NAP deadline fruit, honey & nut

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day Observed
(office will be closed)

Get Signed Up For EQIP

Are you ready to take steps in the direction of conservation? Let the Natural Resource Conservation Service help.

Now through October 19, applications will be accepted for consideration for 2008 funding for Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). EQIP is a conservation program offered to agriculture producers by the USDA-NRCS. The objective of the EQIP program is to promote agriculture production and environmental quality as compatible goals.

As a part of the USDA, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with landowners and agriculture producers, large and

small,

to conserve their natural resources. NRCS is a non-regulatory agency offering technical and financial assistance to those looking to improve and/or protect water, soil, air, plant, and animal resources.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that assists producers on a cost-share basis to reach conservation goals that meet local, state, and federal regulations.

Yamhill County focuses on water, air, and erosion management, so it is no surprise that our most popular practices are micro-irrigation systems, no-till/ strip-till planting, and permanent ground cover. Practices also include filter/buffer strips, nutrient management, and pest management among others.

Fall is a perfect time to get started with designs and eligibility (entity and property) paperwork. Landowners or tenants must have control of the property for the life of the contract period, which can exist for two to ten years in length.

Agriculture landowners and operators interested in participating in EQIP can apply at their local service center. In Yamhill County, the NRCS office is located at: 2200 SW 2nd Street, McMinnville, OR, Phone (503)472-1474 Extension 101.

Applications must be submitted by October 19, 2007 to be considered for the 2008 funding cycle.

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

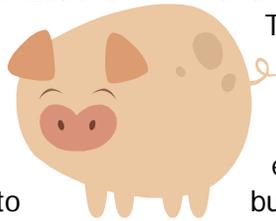
USDA payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation, once completed, are reviewed on an annual basis.

It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and limitation. If a member of an entity has passed away, please contact the office and let us know who has inherited those shares. For trusts, if it was ran under one spouses ID# and they passed away, please let us know, so that we can change it to another ID# before making payments. Entities such as corporations, limited partnerships, trusts and estates are required to provide names, address, and ID number of their members, as well as acceptable signing authority for any of these entities.



LOANS

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-producing projects of modest size. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. 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.

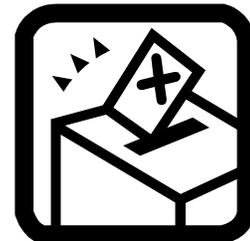


For more information on the above described or other farm loans contact Nancy Thomson, Farm Loan Manager, 1080 SW Baseline, Suite B-3, Hillsboro, OR 97123 or call for an appointment at 503-648-3174, Ext. 116.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

County Committee Election 2007!

Ballots will be sent out to eligible voters on November 2, 2007
The last day to return **SIGNED** ballots to the USDA Service Center is
December 3, 2007.



QUOTE OF MONTH

I KNOW OF NO PURSUIT IN WHICH MORE REAL AND IMPORTANT

SERVICES CAN BE RENDERED TO ANY COUNTRY THAN BY
IMPROVING ITS AGRICULTURE, ITS BREED OF USEFUL ANIMALS,
AND OTHER BRANCHES OF A HUSBANDMAN'S CARES.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON

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National AIDS Awareness Month



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SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS



FSA programs are available for all eligible interested persons. Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If such accommodations are needed, contact Darca Glasgow at (503) 472-1474 X 2.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES?

If you have had any changes in your bank account since we last paid you, you need to contact the FSA office and update your information so your payment will not be held up from being incorrect. **The FSA office will be making payments in October - so let us know soon as possible of any changes.**

