

# What's News in FSA

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## Need Cash??

Commodity crops listed below are eligible for a 9-month loan, or possibly a load deficiency payment (LDP). The loan rates for 2006 Washington and Columbia County are the following:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Loan Rate</u>
Wheat	\$3.10
Oat	\$1.33
Corn	\$2.47
Barley	\$2.29
Dry Peas	\$6.63
Wool (Ungraded)	\$.38



## Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (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 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.

## Insuring Crop/Income Losses

The sales closing dates for Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) and Multi-Peril Crop Insurance are the following:

<b>August 31, 2006</b>	Any fall planted crops not mentioned
<b>August 31, 2006</b>	Beets, cabbage, canola, carrots, onions, and radishes
<b>August 31, 2006</b>	Christmas trees, cut flowers, fish, mushrooms, ornamental nursery, oysters, turf grass sod, and other value loss crops
<b>October 1, 2006</b>	Alfalfa, clover, grass, small grains, all forage and grazing crops, mint and other perennials not mentioned
<b>November 20, 2006</b>	Berries, fruit, and honey
<b>January 31, 2007</b>	Adjusted Gross Revenue (Income protection plan)
<b>March 15, 2007</b>	All spring planted crops not mentioned, and Adjusted Gross Revenue – Lite
<b>May 31, 2007</b>	Buckwheat

Remember, crops with a fall date, which can be planted in spring or fall, will have a fall closing date. For example, small grains can be planted in fall or spring (depending on type), but all small grains will have a October 1, 2006 closing date. Another example is beets, fresh beets are planted in the spring, but beets for seed are usually planted in the fall. The beet closing date is August 31, 2006.

As a reminder, producers who applied for 2006 NAP coverage must reapply for 2007 coverage and pay \$100 per crop/year. Producers will not pay more than \$300 per county/year, and \$900 per producer, no matter how many crops are grown.

## Report Direct Deposit Changes

Any bank or account changes should be reported promptly, to eliminate delays in receiving program payments.

## Conservation Compliance

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are; renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops, and changing or removing existing conservation practices. It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying - tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.

### E-GOV

Producers can now conduct some program business with USDA online. Register for a level 2 account at [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov) then visit our office for the required identity verification.

### Did You Know?



**August** is National Child Support Enforcement Month  
**August 26** is Women's Equality Day  
**September** is Women's Health and Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
**September 4** is Labor Day, office closed  
**September 15 – October 15** is Hispanic Heritage Month

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