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Coos-Carroll County FSA Updates

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Acreage/Crop Reporting

After spring planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before the disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many FSA programs. Perennial Forage reports for the 2013 crop year were due Nov 15, 2012. However, late reports are accepted for the 2013 crop year. Late-filed fees may be waived if reported before September 15, 2013. Corn, Fresh Market Sweet Corn, Spring Forage Seeding, and all other crops must be **certified by July 15, 2013.**

COC Election Nominations

The election of agricultural producers to FSA County Committees (COC) is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA County Committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County Committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. FSA County Committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. Members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

The COC nomination period runs from **June 17, 2013 through August 1, 2013.** The nomination form is available at USDA Service Centers and online.

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Below are the two Local Administrative Areas (LAA) holding elections this year.

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LAA 2 includes Pittsburg, Clarksville, Stewartstown, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Odell, Dix's Grant, Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant, Second College Grant, Wentworth's Location, Millsfield, Stratford, Erroll, Stark, Dummer, Erving's Location and Cambridge. Sarah Cordwell currently represents this area.

LAA 5 includes Tuftonboro, Ossipee, Freedom, Effingham, Wolfeboro, Brookfield and Wakefield. Wayne Cheney currently represents this area.

Online Data Tool for Public

The USDA Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Program Statistics query tool, known as REGStats, is the official new tool of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for making program application and participation rate data available to the public on the Internet.

The REGStats website provides summary information about the number of individuals and entities that apply for, and receive, federal assistance from four USDA agencies or mission areas – the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Rural Development (RD), and the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

The information available in REGStats includes the number of applicants and recipients, by fiscal year, for USDA programs available to agricultural producers and landowners, categorized by race, ethnicity, and gender. Summary totals may be obtained nationally, or by state and county for the 50 states, as well as the U.S. territories. Visit the online site: <http://www.regstats.usda.gov>

2011 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program Deadline

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will continue to accept Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) applications for 2011 crop losses through **June 7, 2013**. The SURE program provides payments to producers when crop revenues are less than the crop guarantee. The SURE program payment is equal to 60 percent of the difference between the crop guarantee and revenue.

To determine the guarantee and revenue for the SURE program, all crops on all farms for a producer are included in the calculation. Payments under the SURE program are limited to \$100,000.

To be eligible for the 2011 SURE Program, producers must have crop insurance on all insurable crops. For crops that are not covered by crop insurance, producers must have purchased Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage through FSA. The Crop Insurance and NAP purchase requirement is waived for crops that are not economically significant to the farming operation. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged," "Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," do not have to meet the insurance requirement. In addition, the producer must have at least one crop with a 10 percent production loss in order to be eligible. For more information concerning the 2011 SURE program, contact the local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

***** Please Remember to Notify the FSA County Office of Any Significant Weather Related Losses to Crops, Livestock, and/or**

Buildings in Coos or Carroll County ***

Filing for NAP Losses

For producers participating in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), the CCC-576 Notice of Loss is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by NAP, you must file a CCC-576 Notice of Loss in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the natural disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Hay Net

Producers are encouraged to use Hay Net on the FSA website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet>. This online service allows producers with hay and those who need hay to post ads so they can make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers and ranchers who have an emergency need. Individual ads can be posted free of charge by producers who complete a simple online registration form the first time they use the site.

Bank Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into a bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office when an account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases the bank where payments are sent. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to bank accounts and routing numbers.

Interest Rates

Selected Interest Rates for May 2013

Farm Operating Loans (including Microloans) - Direct 1.375%
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct 3.50%
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct Joint Financing 5.00%
Emergency Loans - 2.375%
Farm Storage Facility Loans - (7 years) 1.250%

Dates to Remember

May 20 to Jun 14 - CRP 45 Signup
May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday: Office Closed
Jun 3 - ACRE signup ends
Jun 7 - Signup Deadline for 2011 SURE Program
Jun 17 through Aug 1 - County Committee Election Nomination Period
Jul 15 - Acreage Reporting deadline for Corn, Spring Forage Seeding, and all other crops
Aug 2 - DCP Signup Ends

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