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KLICKITAT COUNTY



Farm Service Agency

ACREAGE REPORTING TIME AGAIN

It's that time of year again! If you are done planting for 2010 please call for an appointment so we can do an acreage report. Producers are required to file an acreage report if they participate in CRP, NAP, and DCP or prior to requesting Loan Deficiency payments (LDPs) and Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL). Don't forget we also need to know the planting date. The deadline is June 30th so don't wait!

DCP/ACRE SIGNUP IS HERE FOR 2010

We are taking appointments for the 2010 Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)/ Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. Eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. To be eligible for program payments and benefits, producers must file a contract each year. Producers on farms that elected the ACRE program last year, remain in ACRE through 2012; however, producers must also file a contract each year. Producers who remained in DCP last year may remain in DCP or elect the ACRE program for 2010. Deadline to sign up for DCP/ACRE is June 1, 2010. FSA will not accept any late filed applications. For those of you, who have received a DCP/ACRE contract in the mail, please review the contract to insure the information is correct, then sign, date and return it as soon as possible.

SURE SIGN UP IN PROCESS

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) began on January 4, 2010. This signup period is for those who suffered crop production losses during crop year 2008. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. Producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance and must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. Please call to set up an appointment.

ACRE PRODUCTION

ACRE participants need to turn in their 2009 wheat, barley and corn production. This production needs to be in net bushels. If you would like to prove up your yields for the previous year's 2004-2008, we need production records from those years as well, otherwise you will receive the county yields.

CRP MAINTANANCE TIME

This is your friendly reminder. If you participate in the Conservation Reserve Program, you are obligated to maintain your CRP. The primary nesting season for Washington is April 1 through August 1. During this time period, prior approval by the County Committee is required to treat weeds by mowing, burning, or spraying on contracts that have been established. Treatment must be limited to areas that have weed problems or need enhancement. Outside the nesting period, you are allowed to perform treatment without prior approval from FSA. Failure of your stand due to lack of weed control may lead to payment reductions or contract termination. If you have questions or concerns, please call the office.

USDA STREAMLINES PAYMENT LIMITS TO ENHANCE PROGRAM INTEGRITY

Beginning in January, 2010, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide producers with consent forms they voluntarily complete and submit to IRS. These forms authorize IRS to disclose a very limited amount of information to USDA for 2009 and 2010 average adjusted gross income (AGI) compliance purposes. Producers must submit the applicable form to IRS, authorizing the review, in order to retain 2009 and future payments subject to current AGI requirements. The form must be mailed to the IRS within 120 days of signing the form. FSA cannot accept the consent forms.

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Next COC Meeting

April 28, 2010
9:00 AM

Dates to Remember

June 1- DCP/ACRE signup
deadline
June 30- Acreage Report
Deadline
June 30- ACRE production Due
June 30- 2009 NAP production
Due

FSA Web Sites

State- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa>
National- <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>
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Two consent forms, one for individuals (CCC-927) and one for legal entities (CCC-928) will be used. Every individual or entity who was required to file form CCC-926, Average Adjusted Gross Income Statement, must file the applicable consent form. IRS will provide FSA and NRCS with a report, indicating whether or not producers met the statutory AGI limits. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. Producers whose average AGI appears to exceed statutory limitations will be notified by letter and provided an opportunity to submit a third party verification from a certified public accountant or attorney that demonstrates AGI limits have not been exceeded.

REPORT YOUR NAP PRODUCTION

Producers with 2010 NAP policies need to report to FSA no later than 15 days after it becomes apparent that they have suffered a loss due to weather related conditions such as drought or frost. June 30 is the final reporting day for 2009 production for NAP. It is important to report your production in order to maintain your yield history in the event there is a disaster in the future.

USE OF FSA LOAN FUNDS

FSA provides low interest, long-term loans to producers who have difficulty obtaining commercial credit. Direct Farm Ownership Loans may be used to purchase land, construct buildings or other improvements and apply soil and water conservation practices. FSA also has a Beginning Farmer Down Payment program to help purchase a farm or ranch. Producers may use Direct Operating Loans to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals, and supplies; to apply soil and water conservation practices and to refinance indebtedness with certain limitations. When a county or contiguous county receives a disaster designation, FSA makes Direct Emergency Loans available. These loans may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, pay essential family living expenses, reorganize the farming operation or refinance indebtedness with certain limitations. FSA also makes available Guaranteed Loans through commercial lenders. Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Guaranteed Operating loans can be used for the same purposes as the corresponding Direct Loans but they may also be used to refinance debt. For more information about FSA loan programs, contact Lisa Ruff or Scott Smith at (509) 454-5746

DISASTER IN YOUR AREA

If there has been a freeze, hail storm or any other natural disaster, please call the office and let us know. Without your input, we can't pass the information along. USDA uses damage reports to determine a need for disaster declarations. Disaster declarations trigger availability of emergency loans and in some instances, additional disaster assistance programs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP

Please notify your local FSA office of all deaths, land ownership and address changes as soon as possible so your farm records can be updated timely. A copy of the applicable recorded deed should be provided to complete the land ownership changes.

THANK YOU FOR BEING SO PATIENT

We would like to thank everyone for being so patient with our new payment methods. I know it has caused much confusion and we are sorry for the inconvenience.



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