

What's Cropping Up!

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NEW PROGRAM, JUST ANNOUNCED!!!

Expedited Action Required

2009 GRP SIGNUP INFORMATION

-  Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) signup for Oregon is scheduled for April 20-May 15, 2009
-  Both easement and multi-year contracts will be offered. NRCS will administer the easements and FSA will administer the multi-year rental agreements
-  Rental rates will not change from those set in 2003
-  Easement rates will be set by NRCS based on a Geographical Area Rate Cap (GARC)
-  Applicants must indicate whether they are interested in either an easement or a rental contract
-  Ranking and selection is set for 6/1/2009
-  Applications selected will need to complete a contract with Farm Service Agency
-  Based on the funds available there will not be a large number of contracts funded. However, we will take applications from all interested producers. Please do not delay! Call Charlene or Dusty at 541-298-8559 to set up your appointment as soon as possible.

Did you forget to purchase NAP or FCIC Coverage for 2008?

The American Recovery & Investment Act of 2009 authorized an additional waiver which allows producers another opportunity to pay a "buy in" fee to be eligible for 2008 for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program, Tree Assistance Program (TAP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP). The "buy-in" fee must be received by FSA by close of business, May 18th, 2009. All crops or commodities on the farm must have some form of insurance. The "buy in" fee for both CAT and NAP is \$100 /crop /producer /county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties, less any previously paid NAP, CAT, relief or other "buy in" fees. The "buy in" fee is nonrefundable and due at the time the producer files the applicable FSA -753 and/or FSA-752. Please call Wasco/Hood River FSA at 541-298-8559 ext 2 or your crop insurance agent to determine if you need to purchase the 2008 "buy in" waiver



2009 Dates to Remember

-  May 1st~ 2010 RMA Nursery crop Deadline
-  May 15th~ Deadline to sign up for GRP
-  May 18th~ Deadline for 2nd 2008 BUY IN for disaster purposes
-  May 25th~ **Office Closed**, Observing Memorial Day
-  Jun 30th~ Deadline for completing Acreage Reports and submitting production
-  July 3rd~ **Office Closed**, Observing Independence Day
-  Aug 14th~ Deadline for 2009 DCP/ACRE enrollment



2009 Acreage Report Deadline, June 30th, 2009

Do you want to receive ANY FSA Program Payments? Please make an appointment to complete your acreage report. The accuracy of your acreage report is vital to crop insurance, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP), current and future crop disaster programs and other USDA farm programs, including CRP and DCP. When providing your crop information please ensure the correct crop acres are planted, precise shares, accurate planting dates and other producers on the farm are complete as well. If your farming entity has made changes or you have a new operator, now is the time to update our files. With the 2008 Farm Bill being passed, it has never been more important to have accurate records on file at FSA. **Failure to have accurate records may render you ineligible for farm programs.** So, if you want to receive ANY payments from the FSA, you MUST complete your acreage reporting. Please call the Wasco/ Hood River FSA at 541-298-8559 ext 106 to set up your appointment. Thank you in advance for your promptness and thorough review of your 2009 Acreage Reports. **On another note, we are reviewing 2008 acreage reports to ensure ALL farmland has been included, especially non-cropland and its use. Please plan for extra time.

DCP Signup Extended

Please signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) for farms with commodity crop base acres. Signup is extended until **August 14, 2009**. The extended deadline is mandatory for all participants; FSA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin later this spring. You may first enroll in the DCP Program, receive advance direct payments and then later modify your enrollment to the ACRE program or you may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and/or ACRE at the same time in spring 2009.

Don't miss the August 14th deadline.