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## Washington County FSA Updates

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### Washington County FSA Office

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### DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

The 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment runs from Jan. 23, 2012 through June 1, 2012. Here are some IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.

Changes on the farm after June 1 enrollment in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA office. Changes may include:

- a) Ownership changes,
- b) Producer changes (Individuals and Entities),
- c) Change in crop shares arrangements

No changes can be made after Sept. 30, 2012

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### Acreage Certification

Time is nearing for producers to certify their 2012 acreage. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of program benefits.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before 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. For crops enrolled in programs other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program), acreage reports are to be certified by the June 30th, even if the ground is fallow and within 15 day of the planting of the crop if after June 30th.

Acreage reports on crops covered by NAP are due in the county office by the earlier of June 30th, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being

reported.

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## Farm Record Changes

June 1, 2012 is the deadline to provide changes to your farm records at the local FSA office for the 2012 crop year. If you are changing your operation entity type, adding or dropping cropland or farms, or adding entities to your operation, contact the FSA county office by June 1.

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## Crop Losses or Possible Damaging Weather

If you have had possible damaging weather or have reason to know you have a crop loss and are covered by the Non-insurance crop disaster program (NAP) then be sure to get a CCC-576 Notice of Loss files with your local FSA office within 15 days. This must be in the office within 15 days, not just called into the office but signed and in the office within the time frame. If you are going to do something else with the crop, than an inspection will need to be scheduled before you destroy the crop.

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## Adjusted Gross Income

USDA and the Internal Revenue Service have established an electronic information exchange process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income (AGI) provisions for farm programs. Written consent is required from each producer or payment recipient to initiate the tax review process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to FSA.

This ensures that payments are not issued to producers whose AGI exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

Participants in CCC programs subject to average AGI rules must submit form CCC-931 to their local FSA County Office by June 15 to avoid interruption of program benefits. This form may be obtained from local FSA and NRCS offices or online at: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eforms/mainervlet>.

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## County FSA Committee (COC) Election

June 15 through August 1, 2012, is the period for nominating farmers and ranchers as candidates for the local COC election. FSA encourages all eligible producers to nominate themselves or another eligible producer, to run for office. Nomination forms (FSA-669-A's) are available:

- at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>, and scroll down to the links under "Election Materials" and

**CLICK “2012 Nomination Form”**

- by picking up FSA-669A at your local FSA office
- by calling your local office and requesting FSA-669A be sent to you.

Those producers in the area up for election will receive a postcard by mail for this same information.

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## **Minority Farm Register - Now Open for Minority Farmers and Ranchers**

Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages minority farmers and ranchers in Oregon to voluntarily join the USDA Minority Farm Register to receive information and opportunities from USDA agencies. The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool designed to reach underserved farmers and ranchers who are not currently enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs,”

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters, and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register.

Registration forms are available in Spanish (AD-2035SP) and English (AD-2035) on the FSA web site [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) under “Forms”.

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## **Dates to Remember**

**May 28** - Office closed for Memorial Day

**June 1** - 2012 SURE Sign up ends

**June 1** - 2012 DCP Enrollment closes

**June 1** - Farm Record Changes Deadline

**June 15** - COC Nomination process begins

**June 30** - Last day for filing acreage reports

**August 1** - Last day to submit nomination form

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