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Jackson-Josephine County FSA Updates

The USDA Service Center has moved! You can now find us at our new address which is 89 Alder St., Central Point, Oregon right next to Grange COOP. Some of you may know the new service center as the former Grange COOP Administrative Building. This is where you will find Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Rural Development (RD), and Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District. Stop by and see us at our new office!

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Next County Committee Meeting: January 22, 2014 at 10:00 AM

Dates to Remember

- **November 27-29:** Office closed, employee on leave
- **November 30:** NAP Deadline for Hay and Pasture crops except oats, all grasses and legumes for seed
- **December 4:** COC Meeting has been CANCELLED; will be rescheduled for Election Ballot Counting (Jan) & 2014 Organizational Meeting (Feb).
- **December 15:** Acreage Reporting deadline
- **December 23-27:** Office closed, employee on leave

2014 Acreage Reporting Deadlines

December 15th is the deadline for all producers to report the following crops: established or fall planted alfalfa seed, fall canola, perennial forage (except seed), mint, onions (planted 8/15-9/15), fall seeded wheat and barley. **January 15th** is the deadline for established or fall planted apples, apricots, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, pears, and plums.

Producers failing to report crops timely are required to pay for a farm visit. All crops must be planted before they are reported to FSA. Producers should contact their FSA office to schedule an appointment or answer any questions.

NAP Coverage Deadlines

November 30, 2013 is the deadline to purchase 2014 insurance coverage on all forage and grazing crops and all grasses and legumes for seed. Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee **MUST** be filed by the crop sales closing date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops.

Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using direct deposit.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program.

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

Selected Interest Rates for November 2013

90-Day Treasury Bill - 0.125%

Farm Operating Loans — Direct — 2.125%

Farm Ownership Loans — Direct - 4.250%

Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher - 1.50%

Emergency Loans - 2.125%

Farm Storage Facility Loans — 7 year - 2.000%

Farm Storage Facility Loans — 10 year - 2.625%

Farm Storage Facility Loans — 12 year - 3.875%

Questions?

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