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Tehama County News



COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS RESULTS

Congratulations to Michael Andersen for his election to the Tehama County FSA County Committee. Anne Bianchi will serve as first alternate.

For 2009, Gerrie Larson will serve as chairperson, and David Lester as Vice-chairperson.



2009 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination petitions for Community "A" (West of the Sacramento River and north of Gyle Rd) will be accepted through August 3, 2009 at the FSA Office. You may nominate an eligible peer or yourself. FSA County Committee administers disaster programs, farm loans, conservation programs, and makes decisions on crops and yields. The FSA COC will play a major role in the delivery of the 2008 Farm Bill to farmers and ranchers in Tehama County.



DCP & ACRE SIGNUP DEADLINE

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) option is also available through August 14, 2009.



ACRE is voluntary for DCP participants; it provides an option to protect against declines in market revenue.

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market price. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when prices fall below a threshold level.

IS YOUR BANKING INFORMATION ACCURATE?

To receive your payments timely, you need to notify the FSA Office if you change or close your bank account, or if your bank is purchased by another financial institution. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or bank routing numbers.



LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS (LDP)

Be sure to file your CCC-EZ LDP form with the FSA Office before you sell or feed any of your eligible commodity crops.

LDP DEADLINES:

- 2009 WOOL/MOHAIR. January 31, 2010
- 2009 COMMODITY CROPS. March 31, 2010

You must file the LDP form before you sell the commodity/wool. Late filed applications will not be approved.

CHANGES IN PAYMENT LIMITATIONS



Payment Limitation Provisions have changed again.

New forms for 2009 and subsequent years -- Anyone that participates in the 2009 programs is required to submit a completed CCC-902, CCC-926 and CCC-901, for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes.

Important change for 2009:

All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, “for active”--*

- personal labor
- personal management
- or a combination of personal labor and personal management to the farming operation;

*Note: there are exceptions for spouses.

PERSON OR LEGAL ENTITY PAYMENT LIMITATIONS	
Commodity Programs	
Counter-cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)	\$ 65,000
Direct payments on covered commodities	\$ 40,000
Conservation Programs	
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual payment	\$ 50,000
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSTP) for FY 2009-2012	\$ 200,000
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2009-2012	\$ 300,000
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	\$ 50,000
Wildlife Habitat Incentives program (WHIP)	\$ 50,000
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	\$ 50,000
Disaster Assistance Programs	
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)	\$100,000
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	\$ 100,000
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	\$ 100,000
Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP); Marketing Assistance Loans; Marketing loan gain (MLG)	No limits

Additional information on payment limitation is available at FSA county offices or on line at: www.fsa.usda.gov

ANNUAL CROP REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Producers participating in FSA programs are required to annually report all crops and land uses on their farms timely. Failure to report crops timely can result in a late file fee, farm inspection, and potentially a loss of benefits.



The certification for FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. **The crop certification deadline for all annual and spring seeded crops is July 15, 2009.** The fall seeded crop deadline (wheat, barley, and oats) was April 30, 2009.

NON INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE (NAP)

The NAP program covers crops not insured by “crop insurance”. Producers must annually provide an acreage report and production evidence for each covered crop by July 15. There is a service fee that must be paid prior to the eligible crop sales closing date.

***** **Upcoming sales closing dates for 2009 include:** *****

Fall planted seed crops (e.g. triticale for seed)	August 1, 2009
Fall planted crops intended for forage (including corn, grain sorghum, triticale, wheat, oats, barley for hay/silage)	September 1, 2009
Pasture/rangeland (grazing only)	December 1, 2009
Honey	December 1, 2009
Most orchard crops, (e.g. Olives, Pistachios, Pecans):	December 15, 2009
Kiwi, Strawberries, Grapes:	December 15, 2009
Apples	January 31, 2010
All other spring seeded annuals	March 1, 2010

If you think your crop suffered a weather related loss, file a “Notice of Loss” with FSA within 15 days of the weather occurrence, or when you become aware of the damage.

FSA's ON LINE SERVICES



If you have internet access you can electronically log on, complete and print a variety of FSA paper forms in the comfort of your home as your schedule allows. You can also register for secure electronic access that will allow you to electronically sign and transmit some forms directly to the county office staff.

If you are new to the website, you will need to obtain a Level 2 USDA Service Center Customer ID and password at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and then click on “Create an Account Page” link.

USDA eAuthentication is the system used by USDA agencies to enable customers to obtain accounts that will allow them to access USDA Web applications and services via the Internet. This includes things such as submitting forms electronically, filing eLDPs, completing DCP contracts, filling out surveys online, and checking the status of your USDA account.



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COMPLAINT PROCESS

After an FSA official makes a determination on your request for USDA services or application, you will be sent a letter informing you of the decision and options you can pursue if you disagree.

Generally, program participants have three choices – an informal review with the original agency decision-maker, an opportunity for mediation, and appeal to the USDA National Appeals Division (NAD).

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