

THE ROLLING THUNDER



November 2022

SHERMAN COUNTY SWCD & WATERSHED COUNCIL

Soil & Water Conservation District

Upcoming Meetings

The next SWCD meeting is December 13th at 8:30 am in the OSU Extension Conference Room.

County Cost Share

The SWCD has county cost share grants still available! County cost share funds conservation projects in crop, range, and/or riparian areas. Eligible projects include **cross and border fencing, haul roads, spring development, solar water development, weed treatment, range seeding, riparian restoration, and more.** Projects up to \$10,000 have a 75% cost share rate and projects \$10,001-\$15,000 have a 50% cost share rate. Projects must be completed within 1 year. Call the SWCD at 541-705-5070 to learn more or apply. There is no deadline to apply. Applications are reviewed every month at SWCD board meetings.



Sherman County Area Watershed Council

Upcoming Meetings

The next Council meeting is December 13th at 8 am at the OSU Extension Conference Room.

Small Grant Funding Available!

We have Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) funding available. Projects up to \$10,000 have a 75% cost share and projects \$10,001- \$15,000 have a cost share of 50%.

Eligible projects include:

- Livestock and wildlife water developments
- Range seeding
- Riparian planting
- In-stream restoration
- Cross fence
- Cropland erosion control



How to Reach Us

The Sherman County SWCD and the Sherman County Area Watersheds Council are housed in the OSU Extension Office in Moro at 66365 Lone Rock Rd. Moro, OR 97039.

Come by and say hi during business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are still teleworking on occasion, so we may not be in every day.

How to reach us:

Amanda Whitman - SWCD District Manager

Hannah Fatland - SCAWC Council Coordinator

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Amanda.whitman@or.nacdn.net

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Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP)

In March 2022, the Oregon Legislature approved \$5 million in funding for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP). This program was created in 2017, but this is the first year that it has been funded by the state. OAHP is a program housed within the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).



The OAHP was created to help farmers and ranchers conserve working lands and the fish and wildlife habitat they support. The program provides voluntary incentives to farmers and ranchers to support practices that maintain or enhance both agriculture and natural resources such as fish and wildlife on agricultural lands.

OAHP was developed by a collaboration of organizations representing natural resource conservation and agriculture, including farmer and rancher representatives. Through the direction provided by ORS 541.977-ORS 541.989, OAHP offers grants for **Conservation Management Plans, working land conservation covenants and easements, technical assistance, and succession planning.**

The purpose of OAHP is to contribute to the public benefits of the following:

- 1) Increased economic viability of Oregon's agricultural operations and economic sector;
- 2) Reduced conversion and fragmentation of Oregon's working land;
- 3) Enhanced fish or wildlife habitat, water quality, and other natural resources on Oregon's working land.

Properties that are eligible include lands that are actively used by an agricultural owner or operator for an agricultural operation that includes, but need not be limited to, active engagement in farming or ranching.

Any agricultural landowners or operators interested in applying for the OAHP program or any other working land conservation easements, should contact the Sherman SWCD (541-705-5070) or Sherman Area Watersheds Council (541-705-5161) for more information and support.

*Everyone must take time
to sit and watch the
leaves turn.
~Elizabeth Lawrence
American horticulture writer
and landscape architect*

Natural Resources Conservation Service

NEW Contact Information for FSA & NRCS:

To contact FSA or NRCS staff, please call the Wasco/Hood River USDA Service Center at 541-298-8559 and use the extensions listed below. You will be able to contact each of us directly and/or leave a message if we do not answer. Our phone extensions will ring directly to our computers if we are not physically in The Dalles office.

NRCS 541-298-8559 ext. 133 – Misty Strayhorn



Up Coming Dates & Opportunities

New sign-up deadlines for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Applicants must apply by Nov. 18 to be considered for the first round of fiscal year 2023 funding. To apply for EQIP, contact Misty at 971-378-9284



NEW Contact Information for FSA:

The Sherman County USDA Service Center, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now located at 2325 River Rd, Suite 1, The Dalles, OR. Please call 541-298-8559 ext 130, 131 or 132 and make an appointment to conduct your business, as we may not always be in the office.

FSA 130 – Kara Lanthorn

FSA 131 – Kayci Sharp

FSA 132 – Kayla Coulter

Sherman County FSA Updates and Information:

The Sherman County USDA Service Center, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are now located at 2325 River Rd, Suite 1, The Dalles, OR. Please call and make an appointment to conduct your business, as we may not always be in the office. The Sherman County staff have been working in the Gilliam County office in Condon as well. Thank you for your patience as we work to return your calls and emails.

Please be aware of the upcoming deadlines & Important Dates:

- Acreage Reporting: Available for 2023 Crop Year - Please call and report your acres as soon as you have completed planting. December 15, 2022 is the deadline for Fall seeded Wheat, Barley, small grains.
- November 11: Office Closed - All USDA offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day, a Federal Holiday.
- LFP(2022) - Deadline January 30, 2023 - Please make sure to have any grazing leases reported and CCC-855's completed for 2022 LFP.
- ARCPLC Enrollment/Elections: All contracts must be initiated and signed by all share holders by March 15, 2023
- 2023 Acreage Reporting – Report Fall Seeded Crops By December 15, 2022

Maps are now available at the Sherman County FSA Office for acreage reporting purposes. If you wish to receive your maps by e-mail, please call our office or email Kayci Sharp at Kayci.Sharp@usda.gov or reach her by phone at 541-298-8559 ext 131. Please see the following acreage reporting deadlines for Sherman County:

- December 15, 2022: Fall seeded Wheat, Barley, Small Grains
- July 15, 2023: CRP & Grasses, Spring Planted Wheat, Barley, Small Grains

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefits, you must file timely acreage reports. Failure to file an acreage report by the crop acreage reporting deadline may cause ineligibility for future program benefits. FSA will not accept acreage reports provided more than a year after the acreage reporting deadline.

Producers are encouraged to file their acreage reports as soon as planting is completed.

Farmers Can Now Make 2023 Crop Year Elections, Enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs

Agricultural producers can now change election and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage programs for the 2023 crop year, two key safety net programs offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Signup began Monday, and producers have until March 15, 2023, to enroll in these two programs. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has started issuing payments totaling more than \$255 million to producers with 2021 crops that have triggered payments through ARC or PLC.

2023 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2023 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2023, they must sign a new contract.

If producers do not submit their election by the March 15, 2023 deadline, their election remains the same as their 2022 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact the Sherman County FSA Office and speak with Kayla Coulter at 541-298-8559 ext 132.

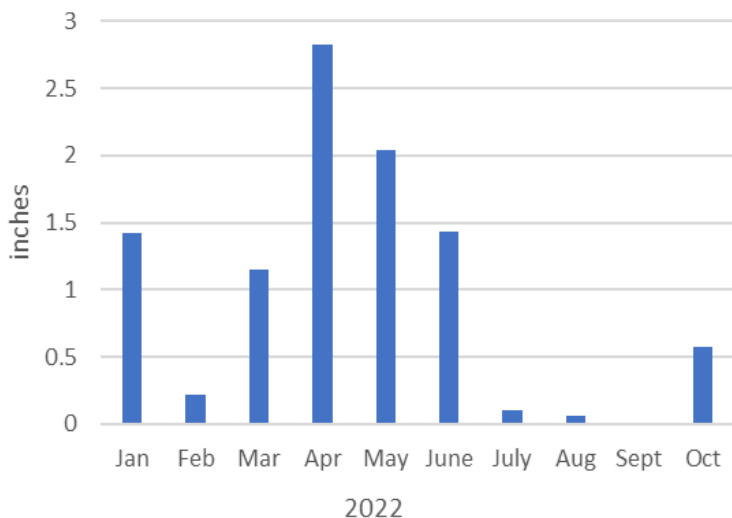
It is that time of year again! Filing CCC-941 Adjusted Gross Income Certifications

Every year we must collect a CCC-941 Adjusted Gross Income Certification for anyone participating in NRCS or FSA programs. If you don't have a valid CCC-941 on file for the applicable crop year you will not receive payments. All farm operator/tenants/owners who have not filed a CCC-941 and have pending payments should IMMEDIATELY file the form with their recording county FSA office. Farm operators and tenants are encouraged to ensure that their landowners have filed the form. Please ensure that if we send you an AGI certification that you return it to us timely.

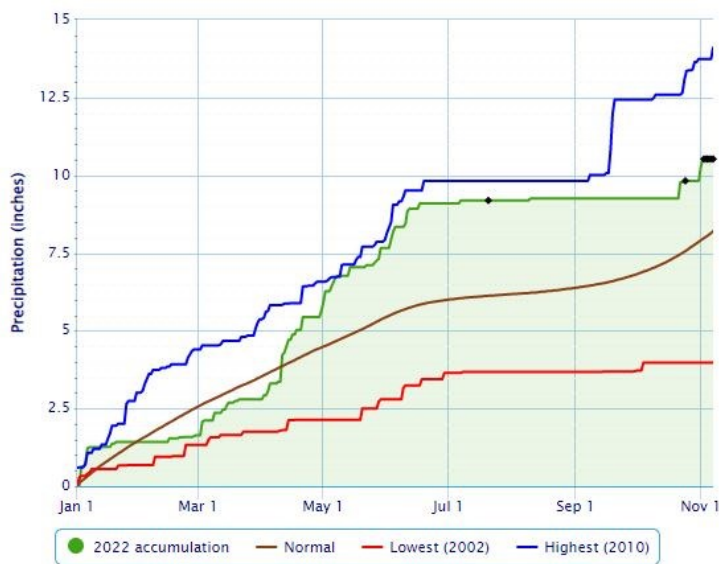
FSA can accept the CCC-941 for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Unlike the past, you must have the CCC-941 certifying your AGI compliance before any payments can be issued.

Precipitation

Total Monthly Precipitation Moro, OR



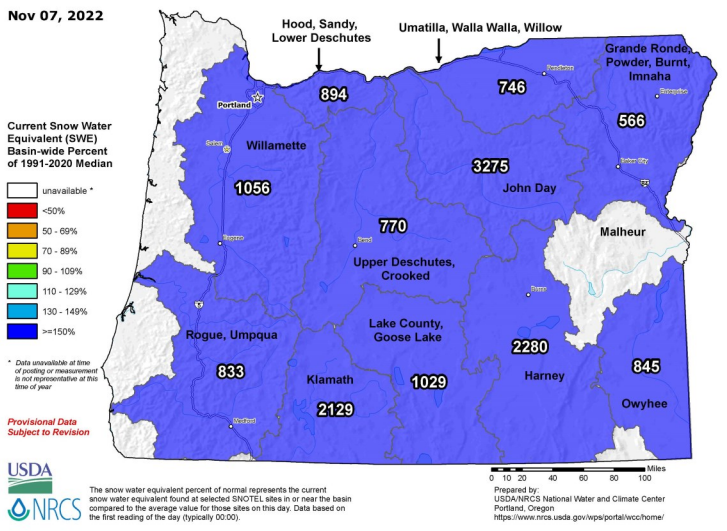
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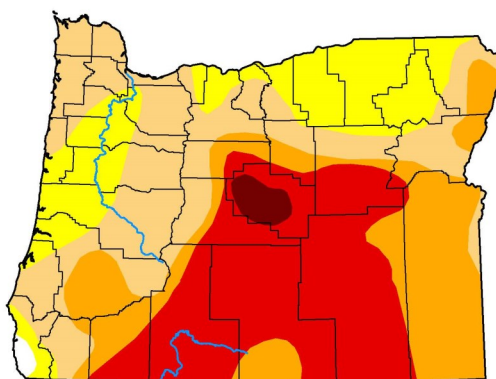
Snow Pack

Oregon SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal



U.S. Drought Monitor
Oregon

November 1, 2022
(Released Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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National Drought Mitigation Center



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Moro Weather Continued

Air Temperature

Month	Max High	Average High	Min Low	Average Low
January	57°F	41.5°F	-4°F	24.4°F
February	65°F	47.7°F	3°F	24.7°F
March	66°F	55.9°F	15F	33°F
April	74°F	53.7°F	22°F	30.4°F
May	73°F	63.1°F	27°F	27°F
June	100°F	73.8°F	38°F	38°F
July	109°F	88.4°F	45°F	45°F
August	110°F	91.7°F	42°F	42°F
September	97°F	80.8°F	38°F	38°F
October	83°F	72.1°F	33°F	33°F
November	60°F	—°F	28°F	—°F

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~ CONSERVATION CALENDAR ~

November 18: EQIP Deadline

November 24: Thanksgiving Day, Offices Closed

November 29-December 1: Tri-State Wheat Conference

December 13: Sherman Area Watershed Council Meeting, 8:00am, OSU Extension Office Conference Room, Moro, OR

December 13: SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 8:30am

December 15: FSA Acreage Reporting Due

December 26: Christmas Day Observed; Office Closed



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"Fish come and go, but it is the memory of afternoons on the stream that endure."

~ E. Donnal Thomas, Nobel Prize Winner

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