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Modoc County FSA News

**Modoc County
USDA Service Center**

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Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**The Modoc FSA County
Committee is sche-
duled to meet the fol-
lowing dates in 2011:**
July 7, Nov 10, and Dec
8. Meeting dates are
subject to change.



County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to farmers and ranchers. The committees are a link between the ag community and USDA. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions and input concerning price support loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster programs, and payment eligibility.

The nomination period begins June 15 and ends Aug 1. Ballots are mailed Nov 4 and must be returned by Dec 5. Members take office Jan 2, 2012. Nominees must complete and sign form FSA-669A (enclosed), available at USDA Service Centers, or online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_committeelectform.pdf.

The election area this year will be for a member and alternate(s) in the New Pine Creek-Davis Creek-Surprise Valley areas. The current member is Darrell DePaul (Lake City) with Tom Carpenter (NPC) as alternate.

DISCRIMINATION COMPENSATION

Notice to Hispanic and /or Women Farmers or Ranchers. If you believe that the USDA improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. To register your name to receive a claims packet, call 1-888-508-4429 or visit www.farmerclaims.gov. The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.

Farm Loan Programs Available

FSA has operating and ownership loans to assist many farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain commercial financing.

There are Youth Loans, Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Applicants, Emergency Loans, Beginning Farmer/Rancher Loans, and Guaranteed Loans. Contact our loan manager in Yreka at 530-892-6123 ext. 2.

NAP Deadlines

The Noninsured Assistance Program insurance closing dates for 2012 crops are: 9/1/11 for Value Loss and Controlled Environment Crops and Forage Seed Crops; 12/1/11 for Honey and Forage Crops intended for hay or grazing; and

12/15/11 for Horseradish and Fruit/Nut Tree crops.

Production records for 2010 NAP crop participants need to be filed at the FSA office by July 15, 2011 to establish and maintain an approved NAP yield for future participation calculations.

Notices of Loss for failed acreage and prevented planting in 2011 must be reported by filing form CCC-576. Crop losses reports are required within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. For prevented planting a crop report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Crop Report Deadline

Crop acreages must be reported, signed, and returned to the FSA office before July 15. Crop reporting for DCP, ACRE, NAP, and other benefit programs are the responsibility of the farmer. The FSA office may assist with aerial photos, etc. but is not responsible for making sure producers file their reports correctly and timely.

Livestock Disaster Programs

The Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs end Sept 30, 2011 under the current farm bill. Modoc County has utilized the 08, 09, and 10 Livestock Forage Programs, the 08 and 09 Emergency Loss Assistance Programs for Honey Bees, and the 2011 Livestock Indemnity Program.

Loan Deficiency Payments for Wool and Unshorn Lamb Pelts

The LDP program will be available for 2011 and 2012. Producers must have page 1 of form CCC-633EZ on file with the FSA office prior to sale or loss of beneficial interest in wool or lambs. The 2010 program paid \$.29 per net pound for wool and \$1.99 per head for unshorn lambs sold for slaughter.

Tulelake Office Hours

The Modoc and Siskiyou County FSA Offices will have representatives in Tulelake at the NRCS office on Main Street on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Through July 20th.

Best Wishes: May this be your best crop/livestock year ever.

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Dates to Remember	
June 15	Committee election nominations begin
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 15	Final Date for crop acreage report submission.

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(03-31-11)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 3. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

Note: Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 1, 2011.
- D. Signed and dated as a write-in candidate if elected as a member and willing to serve on the COC.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who is nominated on this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file a challenge.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

This is a non-salary public service position. A small stipend is provided to offset expenses.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE	
		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		5. COUNTY	
		6. LAA	7. STATE
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i>		8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.			
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).	

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
- ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
- ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 8A & 8B** The nominator must sign and date. (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)
- ITEM 9** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**