



## District 3

## County Committee Nominations

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Knox County FSA  
Edina, MO 63537  
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Lewis County FSA  
Monticello, MO 63457  
573-767-5274

Lincoln County FSA  
Troy, MO 63379  
636-528-4113

Macon County FSA  
Macon, MO 63552  
660-385-2616

Marion County FSA  
Palmyra, MO 63461  
573-769-2235

Monroe County FSA  
Paris, MO 65275  
660-327-4137

Pike County FSA  
Bowling Green, MO  
63334  
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Ralls County FSA  
New London, MO 63459  
573-985-3928

Shelby County FSA  
Shelbyville, MO 63469  
573-633-2440

County Committees are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They direct the delivery of FSA farm programs at the local level and work within national guidelines to help programs fit the needs of their local communities. Committee members provide general oversight, review and act on appeals from program participants, keep the Missouri State FSA committee informed of issues in their county, and provide a link between the Agency and local producers.

From June 15 through August 1, 2011, FSA offices will be accepting nominations for candidates from the **Local Administrative Areas (LAA)** holding this year's election. USDA and FSA are committed to increasing the participation of all farmers including women, minorities and beginning farmers. You may nominate yourself or someone else as a candidate.

Candidates must:

- Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch.
- Live or farm in the LAA holding the election.
- Participate in a program administered by FSA.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else to run for a County Committee position, you may complete the FSA-669A Nomination Form on the 2nd page of this newsletter or come to your local FSA office for help completing the form. If you have any questions about the nomination or election process, feel free to contact your local office or any County Committee Member.

As mentioned above the nominee must reside in the LAA holding the election. Listed below are all LAA's in the district that are up for election with boundary information to help you with determining who is eligible to be nominated.

County	(LAA)	LAA Boundaries
Audrain	LAA 1	Townships : Wilson - Sections 5 & 1, Salt River – Sections 6 & 2, South Fork – Sections 20 & 12, Loutre – Sections 3, 4
Clark	LAA 1	Folker, Grant, Jefferson, and Sweet Home Townships
Knox	LAA 3	Colony, Myrtle, Jeddo, Fabius Townships
Lewis	LAA 3	Reddish, LaBelle, and Salem Townships
Lincoln	LAA 2	Monroe, Burr Oak, and Snowhill Townships
Macon	LAA 2	Drake, Easley, Richland, La Plata, Johnston, White, Walnut Creek, Independence, Lyda and Jackson Townships
Marion	LAA 3	Liberty, South River, and Miller-Mason Townships
Monroe	LAA 2	Western boundaries are Route A and Route C. Eastern boundaries are Route V and Route Z
Pike	LAA 1	Ashley, Cuivre, Prairieville, Calumet Townships
Ralls	LAA 2	Saverton & Spencer Townships
Shelby	LAA 3	Salt River, Lentner, Jefferson, & South 1/2 of Clay Townships

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Farm Service Agency

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE</b>	
		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.

<u>ETHNICITY</u>	<u>RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
<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.**

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## ***Budget Constraints & FSA eAlerts***

As most of you are aware, the budget has been a major issue with the federal government. Budget constraints will require the Farm Service Agency to change some services that have been provided in the past. One change is that we will no longer be able to mail reminders for the various programs. Because of this, it will be very important to watch our newsletters and other media sources very closely to keep yourself informed of upcoming deadlines. One service we are adding to assist with providing information to producers is what Missouri FSA calls **FSA eAlerts**. **FSA eAlerts** is a new way to receive FSA program reminders via e-mail or text on your cell phone. To sign up, you just need to contact the office and provide us with your email and / or cell phone number. If providing your cell phone number, we will also need to know your cell phone provider.

### ***SURE Signup***

Signup for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) runs from now until July 29, 2011. The 2009 SURE provides benefits for 2009 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disasters. A farm must have suffered a 10% or greater production loss on at least one crop of economic significance to be eligible.

A farm is defined as a producer's share of all crops on all units he farms in all counties he farms. Also to be eligible for SURE an applicant must have had crop insurance or NAP on all his commercially grown crops of economic significance.

### ***CRP Mid-Contract Management (MCM) Practices***

Producers who have enrolled acreage in CRP since the 26th sign-up (2003) are required to complete around of MCM practices, per the guidelines of their conservation plans. MCM practices are typically completed in years three to six of the CRP contract. Types of MCM include chemical application, strip disking, and burning. Cost share of 50% is available once the practice has been completed and all bills are submitted to the office.

**Be advised, in the past offices have contacted producers by letter to inform them they have MCM practices to complete during the year. Due to budgetary constraints we will no longer follow that policy. Producers should take care to ensure they don't miss any required MCM on their contract as penalties are severe.**

Wildlife food plots are also required on many contracts. In the past we have often sent reminders and maps concerning food plots. This will not be done this year. After your food plot is planted, please stop by your local office to sign that you have completed this requirement. If you have questions about your contract and its required mid-contract management practices, please contact your local office.

### ***Farm Loan Programs***

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available. Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to 300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,119,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

### ***Sodbuster Regulations***

The term "sodbusting" means converting land from native vegetation, such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after December 23, 1985. Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands.

Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in Farm Service Agency programs. Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates on a CPA-026 that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage, before bringing land into production.

In addition, producers and the producer's affiliates have to file an AD-1026 in the administrative or control county office before any farm program payments can be made. The AD-1026 is the producer's signed certification that HELC, as well as wetland conservation, provisions will not be violated.

### **Crop Reporting Deadlines**

The deadline for reporting 2011 crops is **June 30th** for small grains (wheat, oats) and **July 31st** for all other crops (corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, CRP, hay & pasture). Crop reports are required for most FSA programs including CRP, DCP/ACRE, and commodity loans. If not filed timely, a late-filing fee of at least \$46 per farm is required. As with other programs, due to budgetary items, reminders will not be mailed as they have been in the past. **To save yourself time please call for an appointment to certify your crops (including CRP if not yet done).** This way we can have farm folders and maps ready so you will not have to wait.

**Prevented Planting** – Because of weather conditions in some areas of Missouri, for 2011, the deadline to file prevented planting has been extended to July 31 for spring seeded crops.

**Failed Acres** - Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Producers must establish to the satisfaction of the County Committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions. Failed acreage can be reported after it has been planted to another crop if insurance verification is received by the FSA office before the crop reporting deadline.

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
June 30th	Final Report Date for Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Rye)
July 4th	Office Closed in Observance of Independence Holiday
July 29th	Last day to signup for 2009 SURE program
July 31st	Deadline to report crop acreage including CRP acreage
Aug. 1	Final Day to Accept Committee Nominations forms
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

<b>June Interest Rates</b>	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.625%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.00%
Limited Resource Loans 5.00%	5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct-Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7-yr.	2.875%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10-yr.	3.50%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12-yr	3.875%
Commodity Loans	1.25%

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