



June 2011

## Warren-Sussex-Morris County FSA Office

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### Hours

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### County Committee

Scott Ashley  
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### The County Committee meets the last Monday of the month at 9:30AM.

As meeting dates and times are subject to chance, please call ahead if you plan on attending.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- July 4 - Office Closed for Independence Day
- July 15 - Acreage Reporting Deadline
- Aug 1 - NAP Closing Date For Strawberries
- Aug 1 - COC Nomination Deadline
- Aug 1 - DCP Late-File Enrollment Deadline

## Important Budget Impact Information

*from Paul J. Hlubik, State Executive Director*

As you are aware, the 2011 FY federal budget was recently approved with significant reductions. Some programs have been impacted and administrative operating money has been reduced. In order to maximize services to you, we are making some minor changes. We will no longer make mass mailings of maps, contracts, etc. Maps of your operation will be available to you if you contact the office in advance and bring with you a new, unopened USB flash drive (storage stick), CD or DVD. This will make it very convenient to you to have this information on your own computers. For those requesting paper maps, please arrange for them to be picked up.

The number of newsletters will be reduced, as will the number of written reminders mailed to you. Travel to meetings will be reduced, as well as other steps to reduce administrative dollars. We encourage you to mark your calendar with important sign up dates and reporting information. It is also very helpful when you keep your scheduled appointment and bring with you the documents you need. If you provide the office with your e-mail address or fax number, we can update you on the latest program information. In addition, the COC meeting schedules may need to be adjusted so contact the office in advance if you plan to attend.

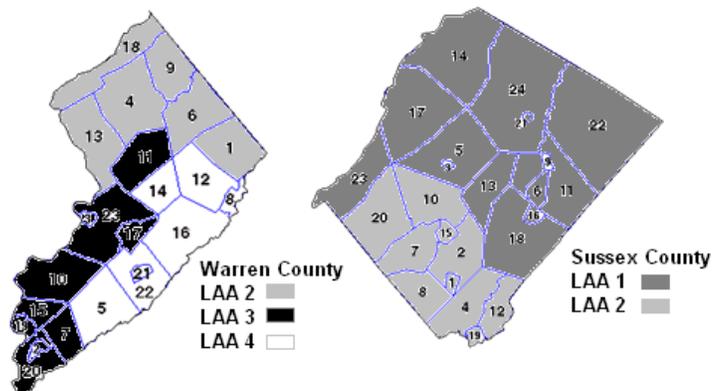
We believe these changes will have minimum impact to you while still saving tax dollars. Please report any problems with these proposed changes to the CED who will include the information in their weekly reports to me. Our goal is to continue to provide quality service to you, our producers and borrowers.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

## County Committee Elections

The Hackettstown Office is currently accepting nominations for the 2011 County Committee Election. Eligible voters from the Local Administrative Areas (LAA) up for election can be nominated to run. This year's election will include LAA #1 and LAA #4. **LAA #1** is made up of Northern Sussex County including the townships and/or boroughs of Branchville, Frankford, Franklin, Hamburg, Hardyston, Lafayette, Montague, Ogdensburg, Sandyston, Sparta, Sussex, Vernon, Walpack and Wantage. **LAA #4** is made up of Eastern Warren County including the towns, townships and/or boroughs of Franklin, Hackettstown, Independence, Liberty, Mansfield, and Washington. Included for LAA #1 and LAA #4 eligible voters is a FSA-669A, Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election.

### LAA County Boundary Map



LAA 5 Includes all of  
Morris, Bergen,  
Hudson, Essex, and  
Passaic Counties

Please call the office if you are unsure of your LAA number or if you are an eligible voter. Nomination forms must be in the Hackettstown office or postmarked by **August 1, 2011.**

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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)

**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 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 DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.
- I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.

8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION:

*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.*

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

3B. DATE

8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

8B. DATE

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**

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

**RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)**

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- White
- Black or African-American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**GENDER**

- Male
- 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 non-governmental 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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(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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<b>Selected Farm Loan Interest Rates for June 2011</b>	
Farm Operating – Direct	2.75 %
Farm Ownership	5.00 %
Limited Resource - Operating	5.00 %
Limited Resource - Ownership	5.00 %
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50 %
Emergency	3.75 %

**Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program**

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters. Signup for 2012 coverage is currently underway. NAP applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for NAP coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed and the service fee **MUST** be filed by the crop sales closing date, listed below. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1875 per producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees. To qualify for coverage, a producer must share in the risk of producing an eligible crop. 2012 NAP coverage closing dates are as follows:

**August 1, 2011** - strawberries  
**September 1, 2011** - grass Sod, fin fish, Christmas Trees  
**September 30, 2011** - barley, clover, grass hay, mixed forages, rye, wheat  
**November 20, 2011** - apples, apricots, blueberries, caneberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, honey, nectarines, onions & scallions, peaches pears, plums  
**December 31, 2011** - asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, greens & herbs, horseradish, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, parsnip, peas, potatoes, radishes  
**March 15, 2012** - beans, Brussel sprouts, cantaloupes, celery, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, honeydew, oats, okra, peppers, pumpkins, sorghum, soybeans, squash, sunflowers, sweet potatoes, yams, tomatillos, tomatoes, watermelon

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