



DE BACA COUNTY COURIER



July 2009

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IMPORTANT DATES	
July 1	County Committee Nominations Open through August 3rd
July 2	Nesting Season Ended July 1 CRP Maintenance can resume
July 3	Independence Day Holiday Observed-OFFICE CLOSED
July 4	Independence Day
July 6	Soil & Water Conservation District Local Work Group-2pm
July 15	Deadline to certify crops: All remaining including CRP

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August 3	County Committee Nominations Close
August 14	Deadline for 2009 DCP Sign-up
August 14	Deadline for 2009 ACRE Sign-up

FSA County Committee Nominations Open: Farmer and rancher candidate nominations for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee will be accepted through Aug. 3, 2009. To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. Currently, LAA #3, which boundary covers all of De Baca County ranching areas excluding the Fort Sumner irrigation valley croplands, is available for election for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2010.

Producers may also nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women may also nominate candidates. De Baca County has been identified as a "Targeted County" using the 2007 Census of Agriculture data encouraging minorities to be nominated. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded from <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>. Nomination forms for the 2009 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2009. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business or postmarked by midnight Dec.7, 2009.

Farm Program Calculation Tools Now Available Online: Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) is a new revenue based guarantee program administered by FSA that assists farmers and ranchers in managing the risks inherent in agricultural operations. ACRE is an alternative to the traditional price-stabilizing Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program. By visiting the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>, growers can enter their crops, acreages and price/yield projections into an "ACRE Calculator" to evaluate potential results. The calculator tool and other information including eligibility resources can be found by navigating to the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program/ACRE pages shown in the menu bar on the left side of the FSA homepage. The website also provides a 2008 Benchmark Yield History, ACRE Revenue Yield Maps and ACRE Price Values. The calculator can be used for one year and repeated to project multiple year results. Additional ACRE background information includes fact sheets and descriptive charts to help explain this program's provisions and calculations. August 14th is the deadline to elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 Crop Year. Note that once a producer elects to participate in ACRE, the farm is no longer eligible for the regular Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program through the 2012 Crop Year, the last year covered by the 2008 Farm Bill. Payments in ACRE are made only when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20% reduction in direct payments and a 30% reduction in loan rates.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

County Committee

Glenda Armstrong, Chairperson
Jack Achen, Vice-Chairperson
Eddie Pena, Member

County Committee meets

the third Thursday
of each month at 1:30 pm

The De Baca Soil & Water Conservation District's Local Work Group will meet on Monday, July 6th at the USDA Service Center, 101 Stearns, at 2:00pm to prepare for the fiscal year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). At this time, the exact amount of EQIP funding is not known, but it is important that the Local Work Group begin to consider conservation priorities, practice components, and cost-share rates to be included in the 2010 program. All producers are invited to attend and participate to help ensure the success of the EQIP program.

Eligibility change for 2009: To fully qualify an entity for payment, all entity members must contribute active personal labor and/or management to the farming/ranching operation. All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, for:

- Personal labor,
- Active personal management,
- Or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming/ranching operation.

Payments to an entity will be reduced by the share of any member who does not make this qualifying contribution. There are exceptions for spouses who hold interest in the same entity and for minor children whose parents hold interest in the same entity.

Rain Gauge Submittals: If you would like to participate in the FSA Rain Gauge Submittal Program whereby you provide rain quantity data to our office on a monthly basis, please call the office at (575) 355-2448, Ext 2, or send your email address or fax # to perri.jennings@nm.usda.gov and you will be added to our list. Prior to each month, you will be sent a form for the upcoming month to complete during the month and return following the end of that month. This information will assist us in accessing conditions for the NAP insurance coverage in an effort to ensure that we have the most accurate information when filing our claims. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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