



QUAY COUNTY PLAINS AND VALLEY VIEWS

Farm Service Agency



July 2009

August 2009

IMPORTANT DATES	
July 3	Office closed in observance of the July 4 holiday
July 15	DEADLINE TO CERTIFY ALL CROPLAND ACREAGE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 14
2009 NAP Purchasers-Report any crop losses to this office within 15 days of when you notice a failure (Alfalfa, Sorghum forages, Grass)	

IMPORTANT DATES	
August 3	Final date to submit COC nomination for LAA 3 -Caprock Area
August 14	Deadline to enroll in the DCP or ACRE program
July until September 30	You may begin purchasing 2010 crops you want to insure under the NAP program. (Wheat forage, Wheat graze, Triticale, Oats, Barley, Rye, Canola)

ATTENTION CROP REPORTING

The annual requirement of reporting to the FSA office can be referred to as crop reporting, acreage reporting, or crop certification. Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, CRP, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments.

The certification form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. The producer certification deadline for reporting all crops is August 14, 2009.

CRP & NAP Certification

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

DCP & ACRE SIGNUP DEADLINE

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the ACRE option is also available through August 14, 2009.

FSA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-Cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS "FSA COUNTS ON YOU"

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into local administrative areas, or LAAs. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three-year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election. In combined counties in some years, two seats may be up for election. The 'caprock area' currently being represented by David Rush, is up for election for 2009.

Nominations

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted June 15 through Aug. 3, 2009.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

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>.

To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Aug. 3, or postmarked by midnight 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 on Dec. 7, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 7, 2009.

Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote.

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Hours

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

Attention

This office will resume closing to the public on Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 - 4:30 PM. This 'quiet time' will enable us to process paperwork and payments in a timely manner.

County Committee

David Rush-Chairman
Donnie Bidegain-Vice Chairman
Donald Adams-Member
Gonzagita Lopez, Advisor
COC Regular Meetings
Monthly—Second Wednesday—9:00 AM

Voting

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No one can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

Candidate Eligibility

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria:

Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA

Be eligible to vote in a county committee election

Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate

Not have been:

Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee

Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony

Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT!!!

Please contact our FSA office when changes occur with your farm operation. *New Mexico State FSA policy requires warranty deeds as proof of ownership. Tax assessor records can no longer be accepted due to inadequate information on the forms. If you have not provided deeds, you will need to do so before any program payments will be issued. This applies to CRP participants as well.*

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