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# Buncombe County News

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## Asheville USDA Service Center

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**County Committee**  
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## COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for a county committee representative for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 (Barnardsville, Weaverville, Reems Creek, Alexander, Jupiter) are being requested this year for the November 2010 Buncombe County FSA Committee election. The county is divided into 3 LAAs and each LAA selects one farmer representative to serve a three-year term on the FSA County Committee (COC). Form FSA-669A serves as the nomination petition and is attached to this newsletter and is being mailed to all eligible voters in the county. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers are also encouraged to make nominations. However, the nominee must reside in LAA 2, participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and be of legal voting age. Nominees must sign the nomination form stating that they are willing and eligible to serve on the Buncombe County FSA Committee if elected. FSA-669As and COC election fact sheets may also be obtained at the county FSA office or on-line at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections>.

The nomination period continues through August 2, 2010. Women, beginning farmers, and minority nominations are encouraged.

Ballots for the election will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA 2 beginning November 5, 2010 and must be returned to the county office by the close of business December 6, 2010. The farmer elected to the COC will take office on January 1, 2011. The COC is an important part of the Farm Service Agency structure. The COC's responsibilities include supervision of the county office as well as approving or disapproving applications for FSA programs. The COC makes important agricultural related decisions in the county. LAA 2 is currently represented by Mr. Charles Lee Brank.

## CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

Crop reporting, acreage reporting, or cropland certification are all terms used for the requirement of annually reporting to FSA planted acreage and land uses on all owned and leased farmland. All cropland acreage on the farm (planted crops, grassland, hay land, and idle land) is a requirement for participation in all FSA programs. The final reporting date for all land uses except Burley tobacco is June 30, 2010. Burley tobacco must be reported by July 15, 2010. Crops planted after June 30 must be reported within 15 days after the planted date. **NOTE:** There is a substantial fee charged for late-filed crop reports. The FSA County Committee does not have the authority to waive late fees, so please be sure to report no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **FARM LOAN PROGRAM**

FSA provides a number of agricultural loans, including farm purchase and operating loans, youth loans, and beginning farmer and rancher loans. If you are interested in FSA's farm loan program, please contact the FSA office and we will put you contact with an FSA loan officer.

## **RECORD CHANGES**

Please notify the FSA office about any changes in your mailing address, telephone number, email address, bank direct deposit information, land ownership, rental agreements, or other information needed by FSA to insure the proper servicing of your farm records, payments, TTPP contracts, etc.

## **HOLIDAYS**

The FSA office will be closed July 5, 2010 for Independence Day and September 6, 2010 for Labor Day.

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