



PLATTE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



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Platte County FSA

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Hours

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

County Committee

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Staff

Mike Hoffland, DD
Rick Carroll CED
Dixie Mount FLO
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COC Meetings

January 12, 2012
June 21, 2012
September 20, 2012
December 10, 2012

2012 DCP/ACRE Sign-up

2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) enrollment will begin Jan. 23, 2012 and will end **June 1, 2012. IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

1) All producers planting on **DCP base** acres must be identified on the DCP/ACRE contract and receive a proportionate share of DCP/ACRE payment for the farm.

2) Changes on the farm after enrolling **June 1st 2012** in DCP/ACRE **must** be reported to your local FSA office. This includes: Ownership changes: Producer changes (Individuals and Entities); Change in crop shares arrangements.

- No changes can be made after Sept. 30, 2012.

Fruits and Vegetables Provisions (OFAV)

Producers if you are planning on planting the following Fruits, Vegetables, Wild Rice, or Dry Edible Beans. You will need to contact the Platte County FSA Office to ensure that you will not over plant your FAV planting history acres. Acres that exceed your DCP base acres are allowed for FAV but if you plant FAV on DCP Base Acres there will be a payment reduction and without a history of FAV there will be a penalty assessed with the acreage reduction. **Before Planting OFAV crops contact the Platte County Office to determine the amount of acres that can be planted.**

2012 Crop Reporting

Producers are encouraged to report crop acres as soon as possible after their crops are planted. Platte County FSA is now processing crop reports for CRP, forage, and winter crops. You may contact the Platte County Office to report these acres. All planted crops must be reported by **July 16th, 2012**. Crop reports are required for LDP and Loans, DCP and ACRE, CRP, NAP, and Disaster programs. Crop reports, FSA-578, must account for all **cropland** and **non-cropland** on a farm, whether left idle or planted.

NAP applications

2011 NAP crop production and planted acreage to be reported by **July 16th, 2012**.

County FSA Committee (COC) Election

We are currently taking nominations for the County Committee Area LAA 2. Located in the middle of Platte County in the Wheatland area. You may stop by the Platte County FSA office and pick up the nomination Form **FSA-669A**.

June 15 to August 1 is the period for nominating farmers and ranchers as candidates for the local county committee election. We encourage

all eligible producers to nominate themselves or another eligible producer to run for office.
Nomination forms are available:

- at www.fsa.usda.gov . Click Newsroom, then County Committee Elections under Related Topics
- by picking one up at your local FSA office
- by calling this office at 307-322-4050 and requesting one by regular mail.

This form is available electronically.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0229

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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:

- Limited to one nominee.
- 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.
- Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 1, 2011.
- 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:

- Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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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>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.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<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. 110-346). 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 1996, 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.**

**NOTICE
 TO HISPANIC
 AND/OR
 WOMEN
 FARMERS OR
 RANCHERS
 COMPENSATION
 FOR CLAIMS OF
 DISCRIMINATION**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: www.farmerclaims.gov

The claims package will have detailed information about the eligibility and claims process.



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May 28, 2012	Office Closed for Labor Day
June 1 st , 2012	Final Day to sign up for DCP/ACRE
July 16 th 2012 Final Crop Reporting	July 16, 2012 Producer Final Day to Report Crops for the 2012 Crop Year.
July 16 th 2012 Final Day to Report Nap Yields	July 16, 2012 Final Day for Producers to Report 2011 Production for NAP/APH Yields
August 1 st , 2012	August 1 st , Final Day to request Farm Reconstitution
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program Farm Reconstitution, Update Farm Records

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