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Uinta County FSA News

2010 County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long established, with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County Committee (COC) members are a critical component of FSA operations. The intent is to have the COC reflect the makeup of the producers and to represent all constituents. This means wherever possible, minorities, women or lower income producers need to be on the committee to speak for these under-represented groups.

County committees provide local input on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments
- Conservation programs
- Incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities
- Emergency programs
- Payment eligibility

FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

The 2010 election area is LAA#2; Mountain View, Ft, Bridger, Milburne , Robertson, Lonetree & McKinnon areas.

Election Period

June 15, 2010 – The nomination period begins. Request nomination forms from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_committeeselectform.pdf

Aug. 2, 2010 - Last day to file nomination forms (FSA-669A) at the local USDA Service Center.

Nov. 5, 2010 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

Dec. 6, 2010 - Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center.

Jan. 1, 2011 - Newly elected county committee members take office.

Who Can Hold Office

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

- 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.

Causes for ineligibility:

- 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.

Nominations

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. This form is available at USDA Service Centers and online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_committeeselectform.pdf

Nomination forms for the 2010 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 2, 2010.

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. Additionally, organizations representing minority and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. Nomination forms are filed in the office that administers the producer's farm records.

Who Can Vote

Agricultural producers of legal voting age may be eligible to 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 of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. More information about voting eligibility requirements can be found in the FSA fact sheet titled "FSA County Committee Election - Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a County Committee Member". Producers may contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.

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Filing CCC- 927's and/or CCC-928's

If you received FSA or NRCS EQIP benefits in either 2009 and/or 2010 this applies to you!!!

June 15, 2010 is the deadline to have submitted your CCC-927 and/or CCC-928 granting IRS authority to disclose information to USDA for 2009 and 2010 Adjusted Gross Income compliance purposes. The CCC-927 is for individuals and members of entities to the 4th level. The CCC-928 is used for entities.

IRS tax information will be used to identify program participants that may not have complied with statutory AGI requirements, or whether further review is required to make and accurate determination.

Forms are available at the Uinta County FSA Office and on line.

Failure to submit the disclosure document(s) may result in the requirement to refund program payments received for either 2009 or 2010, or both.

DCP Program

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) closed on June 1, 2010.

Farm Reconstitutions

At FSA, farms are "constituted" to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. Another reason is when an owner and operator cannot agree about program participation (for example - ACRE participation).

The reconstitution (or recon) is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by August 2, 2010 for farms enrolled in specific programs.

Farm Loan - Lender of First Opportunity

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your current commercial lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early.

FSA loan employees can help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand what information is required and where to find it.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact Mr. Brian Harrell, Farm Loan Manager who is located in Riverton, WY. Telephone number: (307) 856-7524

SURE Program

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following conditions trigger SURE payments:

- At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- Crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- Crop is in a county declared a disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or producer shows proof of an individual loss of at least 50%.

SURE payments can apply to crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

A SURE calculator is available at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=sure>. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and backgrounder are also available online.

2010 Crop Acreage Reporting

Crop acreage reporting of intended use is underway. Acreage reports are required for participation in most FSA programs. The deadline is July 01, 2010.

We are mailing reports to the active program participants in year 2010. NAP producers have been mailed appointment notifications directly. Please make every effort to keep the appointment. If you are unable to keep your appointment please contact the office to secure a new appointment time.

Program participants who have received 2010 crop acreage reports by mail please promptly return the signed and dated reports!

Late file crop acreage reports of intended use will be assessed a late-file fee.

Livestock Losses ... keeping good records?

2010 calving and lambing has occurred or may still be occurring. Re-

member if you experience greater than normal losses due to eligible adverse weather, you may be eligible to receive payments from the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).

Eligible adverse weather events include blizzards, disease, extreme heat or cold, floods and wildfires. Eligible livestock include cattle, sheep, swine, beefalo, buffalo, dairy cattle, elk, alpacas, deer, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry and reindeer.

An eligible producer is an individual or entity that is a US citizen or resident alien who had legal ownership (brand) of the eligible livestock on the day that it died. The owner is one who assumes the production and market risks associated with the production of livestock.

No person may receive more than \$100,000 in assistance from disaster programs (LIP, ELAP, LFP and SURE).

The LIP application is a 2 part application, similar to the NAP program. Notices of loss must be filed within 30 days of when the loss is apparent. Application for payment must be filed no later than January 30 of the following crop year.

Documentation for this program is somewhat stricter than other programs. Documentation showing:

- What died?
- How many died?
- How did the animal die?
- Date of death.

All of the above is required!!!

If you have documentation of adverse weather including precipitation data, temperature, wind speed, etc.; please submit these records to the office with your Notice of Loss.

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO FILE A NOTICE OF LOSS:

- Beginning Inventory
- Ending Inventory
- Normal Mortality
- Mortality from adverse event

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION THAT IS NEEDED:

- Trucking receipts
- Record Book with:
 - Date of birth,
 - Date of death,
 - Sickness, etc.
- Palpation records
- Vet Records

- Purchase receipts
- Sales receipts
- Other records verifying
- Inventory and mortality

If you have any questions about the LIP program or believe you may qualify for assistance under LIP, please contact the office.

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) Reminders

It is critical that you report losses on NAP crops no later than 15 days after the disaster event or when the loss becomes apparent. Notices of Loss that are filed after 15 days may still be accepted IF verification of the specific crop, acreage and cause of loss can be made by the County Committee. If positive verification of these requirements cannot be made, the late filed notice of loss will be disapproved and the producer will not be eligible for payment.

Remember you must stand the first 50% of any loss under the NAP program.

If you suffer more than 50% loss contact the office right away. Hay forage crops will require a field appraisal and may take some time to get an appraiser into the area. Remember that you may not turn livestock into forage hay fields until the appraisal is complete! FSA must be able to verify the loss BEFORE livestock are turned out into forage hay fields.

2009 Actual Production Record Submission

Submission of your 2009 actual production records is due July 01, 2010.

Actual hay production is used to calculate your NAP APH (actual production history yield) which is used to calculate your payment should there be a disaster in the coming years. Failure to submit your production record will significantly reduce your APH yield.

Actual production evidence should include bale counts, (large or small bales) average weight, type of hay and which fields the production came from. The statement should be signed and dated by the producer.

NAP producers may bring your 2009 production with you to your appointment scheduled in June! Appointment notifications have been sent by mail.

Please come prepared with the needed information.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, remember...

We are free to live in America! We have the opportunity to show just how proud we are to live in the greatest nation in the world!

Patriotism is a privilege!



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FSA - IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

If you are aware of any *documented* wolf depredation please advise the office immediately.

- *June 15, 2010** Deadline to file IRS form (with IRS) CCC-927's and/or CCC-928's for 2009/2010 payments
Contact the FSA Office for further information. Failure to comply may result in the refund of benefits.
- *July 01, 2010** Deadline to file 2010 Crop Acreage Reports of Intended Use.
- *July 01, 2010** Deadline to sign CCC-452 NAP Actual Production History documentation.
- *July 01, 2010** Deadline for anyone to file 2009 forage production history to the county office.
- *July 05, 2010** **Office Closed for Independence Day**
- *January 31, 2011** Deadline to file an application for the 2010 Wool LDP Program.
- *Prior to Selling Wool** Complete form CCC-633EA, Page 1, if you wish to participate in the 2010 LDP Program.
- *Within 15 days** Deadline to file 2010 NAP losses (hay forage and grazing)
- *Within 30 days** Deadline to file livestock losses (LIP and ELAP as applicable)
- *Immediately** Report changes that would affect your payment limitation documentation, farm records changes to your ranching operation; land sales, purchases, new leases, leases you no longer have, operator changes and banking changes for direct deposit purposes. Help us keep your records up to date!
- Monthly Office Visit** Loan Assistance – Call ahead for an appointment / Mr. Brian Harrell is the Farm Loan Manager
Mr. Harrell can be reached by calling (307) 856-7524 in Riverton, Wyoming.
- Monthly** FSA County Committee Meeting – Third Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. in the USDA Service Center
Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

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