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Sweetwater / Sublette County



July 2010

County Committee Members

Jim Hodder, Chairperson
Ben Arambel, Vice-chairperson
Bob Anderson, Member
Penny Chrisman, Member

FSA Office Personnel

Jennifer Dutton, CED
Bonnie Hueckstaedt, PT
Mike Hoffland, DD



MOLES:

Machinery, Operating, Livestock, Expansion and Starting Out Loans

Questions regarding obtaining credit to start or enlarge a farming or ranching operation; financing agricultural operating expenses; livestock and machinery purchases call:

Brian Harrell, FLM
307.856.7524

Dates to Remember:

July 5 – Office closed: Independence Day

August 2 – Deadline to file nomination forms

August 15 – Deadline to file ECP applications

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**Transition Incentives Program (TIP)
available for expiring CRP contracts.**

Want Your INFO in Your INBOX?

Some producers have expressed interest in receiving the monthly newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to receive a copy in your inbox, contact the office to sign up. You can give us a call or email us at jennifer.dutton@wy.usda.gov!



Thank you!

For making your appointments!

Thank you to all the producers who made it to their crop reporting appointments or called to reschedule. This helps to make your visits with us as convenient and efficient as possible. We know you are busy and want to be easy to work with!

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) Flood Sign-up Available

ECP is designed to provide cost-share assistance to producers who have suffered severe damage to farm and ranch lands as a result of a natural disaster, such as wind erosion, water erosion, floods, tornados, or, in some cases drought. The damage must be severe enough that it would be too costly for the producer to repair without Federal assistance.

Due to flooding in the McKinnon area, the County Office will be taking sign-ups for cost-share assistance. Applications **must** be filed **before** restoration/clean-up work begins. Please understand that filing an application **doesn't** guarantee cost-share assistance. Cost-share assistance will depend on approval and funding granted. The maximum cost-share that is allowed under ECP is 75%.

Some examples of eligible cost-share practices pertaining to flood damage are debris removal, grading and releveling, rebuilding permanent fences, structure restoration (including, but not limited to; dams, ponds, diversion ditches, headgates etc.)

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

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 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 DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.
 I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE _____ 3B. DATE _____

Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.

8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION:

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.

8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____ 8B. DATE _____

(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"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	

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 2, 2010.

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. 110-246). 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 1995, 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.

WE WANT YOU!

To nominate and vote in the 2010 COC election



It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm and ranch community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a vital component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Important Election Dates

June 15, 2010: Nomination period begins. Nomination forms can be requested from the county office.

August 2, 2010: Last day to file nomination forms at the local FSA Office.

November 5, 2010: Ballots mailed to eligible voters.

December 6, 2010: Last day to return ballots to the local FSA Office.

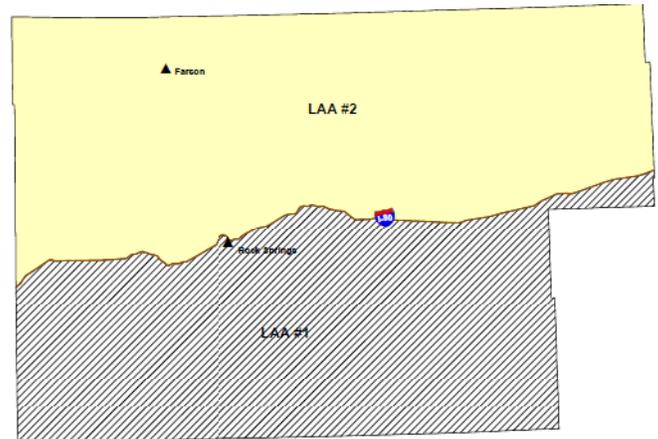
January 1, 2011: Elected committee members and alternates take office.

Eligibility to Hold Office

- Participate or cooperate in an FSA program
- Be eligible to vote in the COC election
- Reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate
- NOT have been removed/disqualified from office as a COC member, alternate or employee
- NOT have been removed for cause from any public office
- NOT have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
- NOT have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services

2010 LAAs Holding Elections

- Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2 will be holding an election this year.
- Sweetwater County, north of Interstate 80.
- Position is currently held by Jim Hodder of Farson.



**BE SURE TO FILL OUT A
NOMINATION FORM
AND RETURN IT TO THE
COUNTY OFFICE
BEFORE AUGUST 2, 2010!**



NAP & Your Hay Crop

If meadows that were intended for use as forage (hay) suffer from a disaster condition it is imperative that you contact the office prior to harvest or grazing the acreage. Acres that were intended to be hayed, but are instead grazed due to disaster conditions are eligible to be appraised in order to calculate your expected NAP payment.

Appraisals should be done prior to grazing the acreage. If grazing takes place first, then the producer must establish representative sample areas per instruction from FSA adjuster personnel. Failure to do so will result in the loss payment being made using the AUD grazing method.



*Happy 4th
of July*





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WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

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To file an application you will need to know

1. What you want to do to fix the damage caused by the natural disaster
2. How many units will be needed (for example)
 - a. Feet of fence
 - b. Number of headgates
 - c. Cubic feet/yards of concrete
 - d. Hours of heavy equipment use/rental
 - e. Hours of labor for debris removal
3. When you plan to start each practice
4. Date you plan for your work to be completed

The sign-up period for 2010 ECP applications begins on **June 15** and ends on **August 15**. Please contact the Sweetwater/Sublette County FSA office for more information.

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