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Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES

TO REMEMBER

COC Meetings

Second Thursday of each
month at 1:00 PM
(Subject to change)

2008 DCP Advance

Payments

Waiting for Farm Bill rules

July 15th Crop Report

Deadline

July 4th Office Closed for



Farm Service Agency

BUTTE COUNTY JUNE 2008

2008 NEW FARM BILL PASSED

The new farm bill has been passed. So what does that mean to you and local FSA offices? Agency officials in Washington D.C. will now review the farm bill regulations and write procedures for local field offices to follow and software will be created. This will take several weeks and/or possibly months. What you can do during this time is complete your crop report and if we have time, complete any updates to your farm operating plan structure (CCC-502). Many of you have received your appointment postcard. Please try to come in at your appointed time. This will expedite sign up later on. We will have your crop report and payment eligibility paperwork completed, and we can then concentrate on getting you signed up and your payments out. **We will keep you informed through future newsletters.**

PAYMENT SOFTWARE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR 2005-2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

You need to call if you feel you are eligible and have not received a payment. We have several incomplete crop disaster folders where the producer or other county office needs to complete documentation so we can make a payment.



WE ARE SCHEDULING CROP REPORT APPOINTMENTS

You should be getting a postcard providing your appointment to come in and certify your crops. Acreage reports are required if you want be eligible for Farm Service Agency programs **such as the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) and DCP.**

Acreage reports are to be certified by **April 30th for fall seeded crops** and **July 15th for spring seeded crops including ORCHARDS.** You can still file a Late File report if the crop or evidence of the crop can be verified in the field, and if a late fee (\$46.00 + Time + Mileage) is paid. **Please call for an appointment OR confirm your appointment.**

2008 COC NOMINATIONS

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.

Nominations

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted June 15th through Aug. 1, 2008. 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 included in this newsletter or available online at: <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. 1, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2008.

Voting

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3rd, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec. 1st, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 1st, 2008. 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. 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.

For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local county office staff.

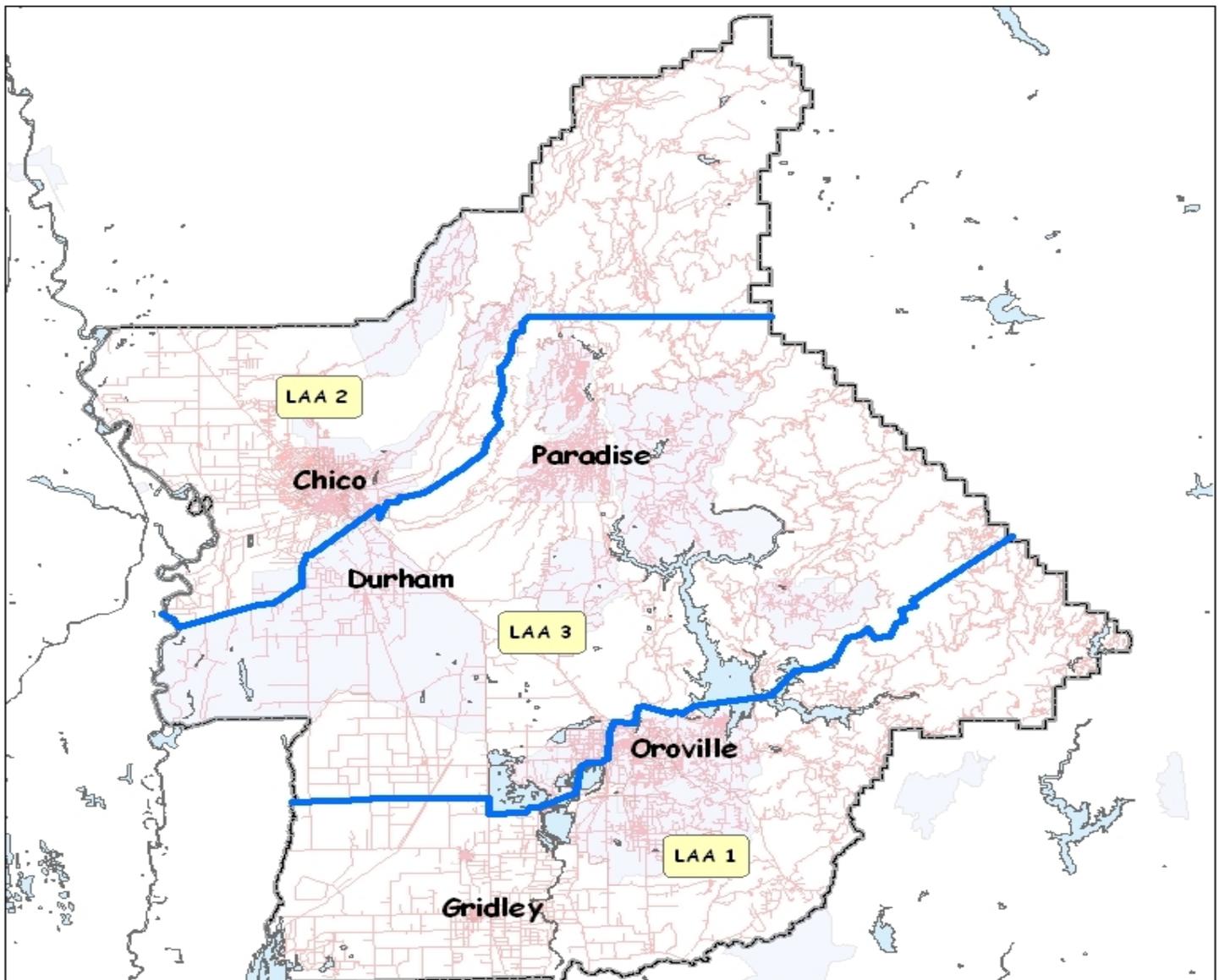
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS - DEADLINE COMING SOON – JULY 18, 2008

If you suffered feed or livestock losses during the 2007 year, you may be eligible for a payment. Regulations were modified to extend eligibility through the whole 2007 year not just through February 28, 2007. The deadline to sign up and provide all required documentation is July 18, 2008.

Call and set up an appointment.

Map of LAA's in Butte County: 2008 Election is being held for LAA 3

LAA 3's north boundary is Ord Ferry Rd. & Heagan Ln, the south boundary is Highway 162 and the middle fork of Feather River



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NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or print Nominee's Full Name)</i>		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		
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> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>		5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE		6A. COUNTY
4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>		6B. LAA NO.
		7. STATE
		DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

8. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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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.
- ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for 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. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

DEADLINES – DEADLINES – DEADLINES

NAP applicants must file a notice of loss within 15 Days after a Disaster Event is apparent.

Continuous CRP – no deadline – apply any time – refer to previous newsletter for an explanation of the program or call us.

Apr. 30th – Fall seeded crop report deadline

Jul. 15th – Spring seeded crop and perennial crop report deadline

Aug. 1st – Last day to submit 669A, COC nomination form

Remember to let us know about your bank account changes or changes in your farm operating plan (CCC-502)



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