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Next County Committee Meeting: December 10, 2013
at 10:00 AM

New County Executive Director chosen

A new County Executive Director has been chosen for the Tehama, Shasta and Trinity counties.

Ruth Ford was selected for the position for the shared management arrangement for Tehama and Shasta-Trinity Counties. Ruth began her career with the former Farmers Home Administration and worked in the Modesto, Concord and Elk Grove FSA Offices before entering the County Office Training program in 2012. Ruth trained in the Visalia office.

NAP deadlines and reminders

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

Reminder letters will be going out in October for 2014 renewal deadlines coming up in December.

2013 County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers. 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 diversity of producers and represent all constituents. This means that minorities, women or lower income producers need to be on the committee to speak for underrepresented groups.

County Committee election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in Local Administrative Area 3 on Nov. 4, 2013. The last day to return completed ballots to the USDA Service Center is Dec. 2, 2013.

The candidate for this year's election is Eduardo Curiel.

Microloan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) developed the Microloan program to better serve the unique financial operating needs of beginning, niche and small family farm operations.

FSA offers applicants a Microloan designed to help farmers with credit needs of \$35,000 or less. The loan features a streamlined application process built to fit the needs of new and smaller producers. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for a regular operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Individuals interested in applying for a microloan or would like to discuss other farm loan programs available, should contact the local FSA office to setup an appointment with a Loan Approval Official.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H Clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

For more information you can stop by your FSA county office. Our staff can help with preparing and processing the application forms.

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Oct 14 Columbus Day (office closed)

Nov. 4 COC Ballots Mailed to Eligible Voters (LAA 3)

Nov. 11 Veteran's Day (office closed)

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)

Dec. 1 NAP Grazing Application closing date

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Dec. 2 Last Day to Return COC Ballots

Dec. 15 NAP Fruit-Nut Tree Application closing date

Dec. 15 Perennial Forage (grazing) Acreage reports closing date

Dec. 25 Christmas Day (office closed)

Jan. 1 New Year's Day (office closed)

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