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## County Committee Elections

Watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on Nov. 4, 2013 in **Local Administrative Area 3**. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the County FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by close of business on Dec.2, 2013.

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### 2013 DCP Final Payments

DCP payments for 2013 will be issued after Oct. 25, 2013. These payments will be deposited directly into participating producers' bank accounts.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the October Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program payments.

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### County Executive Director:

Ruth Ford

### Microloan Program

### Program Technicians:

Donna McKenna

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.

Rebecca Tovey	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).
<b>Farm Loan Manager:</b>	
Shaleen Hogan	
<b>Farm Loan Staff</b>	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.
Ed Debauche, FLO	
Jill Monson, PT	
<b>Next County Committee Meeting: December 10, 2013 at 10:00 am</b>	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.

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## Rural 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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## Electronic Services Available

If a producer has Internet access, program participants can access many services from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.

To participate in these services, you must meet all program eligibility requirements. Online services have stringent security measures to protect your private information.

To utilize electronic services a producer needs an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires an e-mail address and filling out an online registration form at [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/) followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.

If you would like assistance establishing your account, just contact your local USDA Service Center.

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## Dates to Remember

**November 11** Veteran's Day

**November 28** Thanksgiving Day

**December 1** NAP applications for coverage for Grazing Due

**December 15** Acreage report for Grazing Crops

NAP applications for coverage for Tree Crops and Grapes due

**December 25** Christmas Day

**January 1** New Year's Day

**January 2** Acreage Report for Honey

**March 15** Acreage report for Figs, Olives, Prunes and Walnuts

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