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Tulare County FSA Updates

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Next County Committee Meeting: April 24, 2014 9:00 am

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

County committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in...

Congratulation to Stanley Noble who was elected to represent LAA 2.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community. Stan will take office on February 18, 2014, and join the existing committee.

For more information about county committees and the election process, please contact office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

TULARE COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR EMERGENCY LOANS

Tulare County was declared a primary/contiguous disaster due to drought

(Tentative)

and heat using the streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The streamlined disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Date Declared: January 15, 2014

Designated Code: S3626

Final date to apply: September 15, 2014.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact someone from our Farm Loan staff 559-734-8732 Ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

2014 ACREAGE REPORTING DATES

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to make an appointment with our office (559-734-8732 Ext. 2) to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

March 15, 2014:

Fall alfalfa seed, barley (fall), wheat (fall and spring), oats (fall), almonds, apples, camelina, cherries, figs, apricots (FR and PR), freestone peaches (FR and PR), nectarines (FR), pears, plums, cling peaches (PR), prunes, walnuts.

May 15, 2014:

Grapes and table grapes

July 15, 2014:

Spring alfalfa seed, barley (spring), oats (spring), corn, cotton (upland and ELS), cultivated wild rice, dry beans, tomatoes (FR and PR), grain sorghum, mint, onions, rice, safflower, and all other crops except raisins (July 31, 2014).

SELECTED INTEREST RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Farm Operating Loans - Direct 2.00%

Farm Ownership Loans - Direct 4.25%

Farm Ownership Loans - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher 1.50%

Emergency Loans 3.00%

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