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## Humboldt/Lander Counties FSA Updates

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### FSA Introduces the New Humboldt/Lander County Executive Director

(WINNEMUCCA, NV) June 6, 2012 — Farm Service Agency County Committee Chairman, Fred Wilkinson is pleased to announce that Katie Nuffer was selected as the new County Executive Director (CED) for the Humboldt and Lander County Office.

Katie is a native of Humboldt County and grew up on a cow/calf operation in Winnemucca. Her background includes a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science-Production from the University of Idaho, Moscow. Katie joined the Farm Service Agency in 2005 as a Program Technician. From there she advanced to a County Office Trainee where she trained to become a CED and assisted offices throughout the states of Nevada and California. Prior to accepting her new CED position, she served as the State Disaster Program Specialist and will now continue these duties on a more limited basis. Clint Koble, Nevada State Executive Director, stated "Our FSA Team in Nevada has a stronger team with the addition of Katie in this critical county

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (subject to change)

### **Payment Limitations**

Producers planning to participate in 2012 programs are required to complete and submit the **CCC-931** form. If changes have been made in farming operations from the prior year, the following forms may also need to be filed for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes: **CCC-901** and **CCC-902**.

#### **Contributions**

All partners, stockholders or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution\*, whether compensated or not compensated, for active--  
-personal labor,  
-personal management,  
-or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation.

\*NOTE: There are exceptions for spouses. Additional information on payment limitation is available at FSA county offices or online at:

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

### **Banking Changes? – Let FSA Know to Prevent Payment Delays**

If you changed banks

position".

Katie will be managing farm program service delivery to farmers and ranchers in Humboldt and Lander Counties with the assistance of Denise Cerri and Marilyn Jones, Program Technicians. Daniel Ferraro, Farm Loan Officer Trainee, is also available to assist producers with the financial needs of their businesses. Katie and her team encourage producers to stop by the office any time for program information or call for an appointment for more detailed discussions. Humboldt and Lander FSA County Committee Members are Fred Wilkinson, Chairman; Debbie Hummel, Vice-Chairperson; and Members Susan Kern, Theresa Marvel and Thomas Reichert. County committees have served as a direct link between the farm community and USDA for more than 75 years, helping to deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Eligible farmers serving on committees provide feedback to USDA on the types of FSA agricultural programs that best serve the needs of local producers.

For program and farm loan information, producers are encouraged to contact the local FSA office or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for additional information.

## **County Committee Nominations**

**County committee nominations are open from June 15, 2012 through August 1, 2012.**

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. Every eligible producer should participate in these elections to strengthen the link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

County committee members are a critical component in the delivery of FSA services and programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with key decisions on programs in their counties and work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Operating within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws, FSA county committees

and did not notified FSA, your payment could be delayed. Because payments are electronically transferred into your bank account, changes to your account and routing numbers need to be shared with FSA immediately. Also on FSA loans, to continue to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. It is important to remember that changes in a producer's account be provided to the county office promptly to avoid possible delays. Changes can include the type of account, bank mergers, new routing number or account numbers. Your county FSA office can help you avoid these problems if you will contact them in advance of any banking changes.

### **Farm Storage Facility Loan Program**

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFLP) allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFLP is \$500,000. Participants are now

apply their local knowledge to make key program administration decisions. For more information just contact your local FSA office.

## **Compliance Check Methods**

Compliance review and spot checks will again be performed during the 2012 crop year. This year, farms, contracts, deficiency loans and more will be selected for various reviews from a nationwide database of producers to achieve a valid statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in the Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program and other programs. State and county offices will view and print their producer spot check lists as posted on a designated website. If an entity is selected from the national database is no longer farming or participating in programs during the 2012 crop year, a notation shall be made on the spot check list. For more information about the new spot check selection procedure, feel free to contact your local office for additional clarification.

## **Selected Interest Rates for June**

Farm Operating - Direct 1.500%  
Farm Ownership - Direct 3.625%  
Farm Ownership - Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher 1.500%  
Emergency 3.750%  
Farm Storage Facility – 7 year 1.250%  
Farm Storage Facility – 10 year 1.875%  
Farm Storage Facility – 12 year 2.125%  
Commodity Loans 1996-Present 1.125%

## **Dates to Remember**

June 15th, COC Nomination Period Opens  
June 15th, Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline for Spring Grain Crops, Barley and Wheat

required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department. Payments are provided in the early partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50 percent of the projected and approved total loan amount. Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin. For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

July 4th, Independence Day Holiday-Office Closed

July 15th, Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline for Spring Alfalfa or SEED, Potatoes and all other crops

Aug. 1st, Last Day to file COC nomination form  
Sept 30th, **2013** NAP Signup Ends-All Grain Crops

Oct. 31st, **2013** NAP Signup Ends-All Other Hay Crops

Dec. 1st, **2013** NAP Signup Ends-Grazing  
NOTICE OF LOSS: Must be reported 15 days from date EACH covered loss becomes apparent

## Loans for the Socially Disadvantaged

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to start, continue and expand agriculture production. Loans are available for operational needs or to help purchase or improve farms and ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is an individual who has been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as a member of one of the groups described.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

## Beginning and Limited Resource Loans

FSA has a program to assist beginning farmers and members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through

either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for less than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed.

Additional program information, loan applications and other materials are available at the local USDA Service Center or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) and [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) .

For more information on bulletin subjects or details regarding your GovDelivery subscription with the Winnemucca FSA Office, contact Katie Nuffer, County Executive Director at [katie.nuffer@nv.usda.gov](mailto:katie.nuffer@nv.usda.gov) or 775-623-5025 extension 104.

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