

December 2012/January 2013



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## Yerington FSA Updates

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Louis Scatena, Chairperson

Dwain Chichester, Vice  
Chairperson

Vicki Beaupre, Incoming  
Member

David Giorgi, Outgoing  
Member

## COC Election Results

The COC Elections Ballots were tallied at the December 10, 2012 COC Meeting held at the USDA Service Center in Yerington, NV. The results of the ballot counting are as follows:

### LAA 1-2 Lyon County:

Denise Hunewill, Member

Richard Huntsberger, Alternate

### LAA 1-3 Lyon County:

Vicki Beaupre, Member

### LAA 2-3 Alpine County:

Todd Gansberg, Member

### LAA 2-5 Mono County:

Dwain Chichester, Member

Denise Hunewill, Vicki Beaupre, Todd Gansberg and Dwain Chichester will begin serving their three year term on January 1, 2013.

Thank you to all who participated in the voting process and congratulations to the newest member and re-elected members of the Yerington FSA County Committee.

We would also like to thank David Giorgi, outgoing COC member, for his dedication to the farmers and ranchers of our country and we will miss him as a member of the COC.

Randy Emm, Member

Matt Johnson, Member

Denise Hunewill, Member

Alonna Giacomini, Member

Linda White, Member

Todd Gansberg, Member

Ted Borda, Member

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## Dates to Remember

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve,  
Office Closed

Dec. 25- Christmas Day,  
Office Closed

Jan. 1- New Year's Day,  
Office Closed

Mar. 25- Hispanic and  
Women Farmer and Rancher  
Claims Period ends.

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## Selected Interest Rates for December 2012

90-Day Treasury Bill- .125%

Farm Operating - Direct-  
1.125%

Farm Ownership - Direct-  
3.125%

Limited Resource- 5%

Farm Ownership - Direct  
Down Payment, Beginning  
Farmer or Rancher- 5%

Emergency- 2.125%

Farm Storage Facility – 7 year  
1.125%

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## 2012 Ag Census Coming

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service will mail the 2012 Census of Agriculture in mid-December. If you receive an Ag Census form, please complete and return it by the February 4, 2013 deadline.

Producers can easily and securely respond online after receiving their census form at [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov). For questions or help completing the form producers can contact NASS at (888) 424-7828.

The Census of Agriculture is conducted only once every five years to accurately collect demographic information about farmers, ranchers and their operations. USDA agencies and many other institutions and organizations use the results of the Census for education, research, planning and policy-making decisions within government, as well as business, industry and academia. The use of this valuable information impacts **everyone** across our nation.

While the Census is particularly vital for rural America, it's important to remember that well-informed policy decisions have a positive impact for everyone. Even for families in our largest cities, a strong rural America means an abundant food supply, cleaner water, extraordinary outdoor recreation and more. That's why it couldn't be more important to make sure that all of our nation's farmers and farmland are accurately accounted for.

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## Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Claims Period

USDA has announced that Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades can file claims between Sept. 24, 2012 and March 25, 2013.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied their applications for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

USDA will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants, around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Claimants can obtain a claims package in the mail by calling 1-888-509-4429 or visiting the website [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov) . and the claims package will be mailed to claimants. Public meetings are also being held in many areas to share further information. Contact your nearest FSA office to get a schedule in your area.

**Website:** [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)

Farm Storage Facility – 10  
year 1.750%

**Phone:** 1-888-508-4429

Farm Storage Facility – 12  
year 1.875%

#### Claim

Commodity Loans 1996-  
Present 1.125%

An independent third-party administrator will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. There are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, but claimants may retain an attorney or other legal services provider. The USDA news release provides more background:



<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2012/09/0309.xml&contentonly=true>

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## IRS 1099 Changes

Calendar year 2012 has brought changes to the way FSA reports farm program payments to the producer and to the IRS.

In past years, IRS Form 1099-G would be issued to show all program payments received from the Farm Service Agency, regardless of the amount.

Starting with calendar year 2012, producers whose total reportable payments from FSA are less than \$600 will not receive IRS Form 1099-G. Also, producers who receive payments from more than one county will only receive one Form 1099-G if the total of all payments from all counties is \$600 or more.

The same changes will apply to those who normally receive IRS Form 1099-MISC from FSA.

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## Guaranteed Loan Limit

The Farm Service Agency has announced that as of Oct. 1, 2012 the loan limit for the Guaranteed Loan Program is \$1,302,000. This limit is adjusted annually based on data compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The FSA overall lending ceiling increases every year according to an inflation index. The maximum combined guaranteed and direct farm loan indebtedness is now \$1,602,000.

As a reminder, the one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans is 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan. Producers can contact the local FSA county offices with questions about farm loans.

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## Emergency Farm Loans

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- Restore or replace essential property;
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year;
- Pay essential family living expenses;
- Reorganize the farming operation; and
- Refinance certain debts.

Further information and applications for the loan programs described are available at local FSA county offices.

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## Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program 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 FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now 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 seven, 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 U.S. Treasury Department.

Payments are made in two parts: a 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).

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## IMPORTANT ACREAGE REPORTING DATES!!

### California Producers:

**March 15th:** Alfalfa Seed, Spring Oats (Planted 10/1-2/15), Spring Wheat (Planted 11/1- 2/15)

**June 15th:** Forage Seeding

**July 15th:** Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Oats (Planted 4/21-5/31), Spring Wheat (Planted 3/6-5/31) and all other crops

**December 15th:** Perennial Forage, Fall Wheat and all other crops

### Nevada Producers:

**June 15th:** Spring Barley, Spring Forage Seeding, Onions, Spring Wheat

**July 15th:** Spring Alfalfa Seed, Spring Oats and all other crops

**December 15th:** Fall Barley, Perennial Forage, Fall Forage Seeding, Fall Wheat and all other Fall-Seeded Small Grains

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