



Newsletter Fall 2008

Garfield, Eagle, and Pitkin Counties

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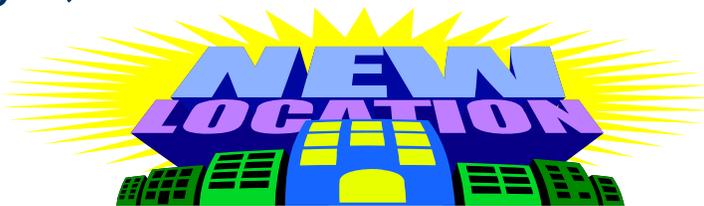
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County Committee

Frank Daley- Garfield
Richard Murr- Garfield
Ted Nieslanik-Garfield
Mark Nieslanik- Pitkin
Tina Estes- Eagle

OFFICE CLOSED

Sep 1 Labor Day
Oct 13 Columbus Day
Nov 11 Veteran's Day
Nov 27 Thanksgiving
Day
Dec 25 Christmas Day



Our Office Has Moved

We would like to invite you to come visit us at our new office as we have moved. Some of you have been in for our open house, business, or just to say hello. If you have not seen our new office please feel free to stop in we are now located in West Glenwood behind JC Penny in the mall.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) Signup Continues

Eligible farmers and ranchers in Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin Counties who suffered crop loss damage before December 31, 2007, can still apply to receive disaster assistance. Eligible losses are those that occurred as a result of drought, high winds, or excessive heat. If you suffered an eligible loss, please come by the office to complete and sign the required forms.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DCP Contracts are due by September 30, 2008
Last day to return County Committee Ballots December 1, 2008
FSA Personnel will be out of the office on September 29, 30 and October 1 for 2008 Farm Bill Training

Attention NAP Participants

Fee Increase:

The new fees, as prescribed in the newly passed farm bill, are \$250 per crop per county, up to \$750 for single county producers and \$1,875 for multi county producers. REMEMBER— Participation in NAP is required to be eligible for the other disaster programs authorized in the new farm bill.

Notice of Loss:

If you determine that you have experienced a 50% or greater loss, you must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent.

As the 2008 Farm Bill information and deadlines becomes available we will keep you updated!

2009 County Committee Election Garfield County

Nominations for the county committee election were due in the county office by August 1, 2008. We received only one nomination for Ted Nieslanik. The next step in the election process is the mailing of ballots, which will begin November 3, 2008. Voters have until December 1, 2008 to return their properly completed ballots to the county office. Elected committee members take office on January 1, 2009.

Who Can Vote?

- ◇ Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program.
- ◇ A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm.

Discrimination Prohibited:

No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status.

Be sure to cast your ballot for the County Committee Election. The County Committee system is an important part of the FSA system and your help in electing the best qualified candidate is appreciated.

Remember to sign your ballot!

2009 COC Election Schedule

- ◇ Nov 3 2008 – Ballots mailed to voters
- ◇ Dec 1 2008 – Last day to return ballots to the county office
- ◇ Jan 1 2009 – Newly elected committee members take office

Nomination forms and fact sheets are also available at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/>



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