

Farm Service Agency Updates

2006 County Committee Election Results Local Administrative Area #3

The ballots have been counted and the results are in. Mr. Harry Choy will represent farmers and ranchers in Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA). Ms. Edith Ramiscal will serve as the First Alternate.

LAA #3 consists of ranchers and farmers whose farm or ranch operations are located on the Leeward/West, Central, and North Shore of the island. It includes the communities of Ewa, Kunia, Mililani, Waianae, Nanakuli, Makaha, Haleiwa, and Waialua. The Farm Service Agency Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the election process.



 = Local Administrative Area (LAA #3)



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Funds Available for Conservation Projects



Applications are now being accepted for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Ground and Surface Water Conservation (GSWC) Program, and



the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). Interested farmers, ranchers and wildlife enthusiasts have until January 16, 2007 to submit their applications, and supporting documentation to be considered for this ranking period.

Under the EQIP program, financial cost-share assistance is available to agricultural producers that install conservation measures on agricultural lands being actively farmed or grazed. Proposed priority natural resource concerns being considered are: animal waste, erosion/sedimentation, noxious weeds, insufficient water supply for livestock or irrigation, pesticide or nutrient contamination of ground or surface waters, at-risk species habitat, and invasive species. In addition, the GSWC Program may fund projects which show a net savings in ground or surface water resources on agricultural lands that have been irrigated two out of the past five years.

Under the WHIP program, financial cost-share assistance is available to enhance or create quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of National, State, and local significance. NRCS will provide technical assistance to help agricultural producers and wildlife enthusiasts design, plan, and implement their conservation measures. For more information visit our website at www.hi.nrcs.usda.gov/