

# USDA YOLO COUNTY FSA NEWS

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## **Yolo County FSA**

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## **Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## **County Committee:**

Bob Paschoal, Chair  
Tom Slater, Vice Chair  
Randy Timothy, Member  
Rudy Lucero, Jr., Advisor  
Marlene Schuler, Advisor

## **County Executive**

### **Director:**

Marianne A. Morton

## **County Office Staff:**

Janet Aguilar  
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Belinda Escamilla  
Caroline Walgenbach



Closed on Wednesday,  
July 4<sup>th</sup>

in observance of  
Independence Day

## **DCP SIGN-UP DEADLINE**

Producers must sign contracts annually under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to submit 2007 CCC-509 (DCP Contract) signatures has been extended to August 3, 2007. Late-filed applications will be accepted through September 30, 2007 if accompanied by a \$100 per farm late fee.

## **LAA-1 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency County Committee election representing producers in the area west of I-505 [Rumsey, Guinda, Brooks, Capay, Esparto, Madison and Winters]) will be accepted through August 1, 2007.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. In addition, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. The Nomination Form (FSA-

669A) is included in this newsletter. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated indicating agreement to serve if elected and returned to the Yolo County FSA Office by the close of business on August 1 or be post-marked by midnight August 1.

## **REQUIRED ACREAGE REPORTS (FSA-578)**

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires that acreage reports for all cropland be filed by producers who participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program; request a loan deficiency payment or a commodity loan; participate in the Conservation Reserve Program; grow an uninsurable crop that may need disaster protection; or participate in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

The 2006 spring-planted acreage reporting deadline is July 15, 2007. Final direct payments will not be issued until all cropland has been certified.



**PRODUCERS**  
**REMINDED TO RETAIN**  
**BENEFICIAL INTEREST**

Producers are reminded that they must retain beneficial interest in their 2007 crops in order to remain eligible for loan deficiency payments.

Either at the time a producer first submits the CCC-633 EZ, or any time before the final loan availability date, the producer must request a payment for a specific quantity and provide acceptable production evidence. The LDP rate is based on the earlier of the date of request for payment or date beneficial interest is lost.

LDP's are obtained by producers who are eligible to obtain marketing assistance loans, but who agree to forgo the loans. By filing a CCC-633 EZ, producers do not preclude themselves from obtaining marketing assistance loans on applicable crops. The LDP rate equals the difference between the county loan rate and the posted county price for the respective commodity.

**MAINTENANCE**  
**DEFAULTS**

All producers sharing in DCP and/or CRP payments are required to control weeds and to prevent wind and water erosion on acreage enrolled in those pro-

grams. Additional CRP maintenance defaults are unauthorized haying or grazing and failure to maintain eligible cover. CRP cover cannot be disturbed during the primary nesting and brood-rearing season (April 1 – July 15).

Failure to comply with DCP and/or CRP maintenance requirements can result in payment reductions and/or contract termination.

**RECORD CHANGES**

Participation in FSA farm programs requires all records to be accurate and up to date. It is the producer's responsibility to inform FSA of changes to his/her farming operation including but not limited to: land ownership changes; adding or dropping a tract of land (leases); entity type or ID number changes; marriage, divorce, deaths; or changes in your financial institution for direct deposit.

**DCP SUCCESSION-**  
**IN-INTEREST**

The transfer or change in the interest of producers on a farm in base acres for which direct or counter-cyclical payments are made will result in the termination of the payments with respect to the base acres unless the transferee or owner of the acreage agrees to assume all obligations under the

contract (succession-in-interest). Producers who received payments on a farm and subsequently fail to meet the definition of a producer on the farm will be required to refund the payments. A refund is required, including cases where the predecessor was considered to be a producer at the time payments were issued. Debt collection activities will be initiated immediately upon loss of interest by the predecessor.

**FOREIGN LANDOWNER**  
**NOTIFICATION**

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. FSA administers this program for USDA. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25% of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements. It is the foreign person's responsibility to report the land transactions.

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**IT IS THE PRODUCER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE**  
**COUNTY OFFICE TO MEET DEADLINES**

July 2007	2006 final wheat, barley and oats CC rates announced
7/04/2007	Independence Day – office closed
7/15/2007	Spring-seeded acreage reporting deadline CREP ranking for 2008 contracts (sign-up is continuous)
8/01/2007	Final date to request a 2007 farm reconstitution NAP ACD – 2008 fall-planted seed and multi-planting crops
8/03/2007	2007 DCP sign-up deadline (without \$100 per farm late-file fee) <b>ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS DATE OR A LATE-FILE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED!</b>
9/01/2007	NAP ACD – 2008 forage and fall-planted garbanzo beans
9/03/2007	Labor Day – office closed
9/30/2007	2007 DCP sign-up deadline (with \$100 per farm late-file fee) 2002 Farm Bill expires
10/08/2007	Columbus Day – office closed
11/11/2007	Veterans Day – office closed
11/22/2007	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
12/25/2007	Christmas Day – office closed

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Farm Service Agency

## **NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The County FSA Committee election will be held this year on the first Monday of December. Ballots will be mailed to voters not less than 4 weeks before the election.

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 4. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

**Note:** Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 1.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who files this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file an appeal in accordance with 7 CFR Part 780.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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(03-08-06)U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or print Nominee's Full Name)		<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE</b>
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		
<b>3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION</b> <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.  <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.		5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
		6A. COUNTY
		6B. LAA NO.
		7. STATE
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	4B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	<b>DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR</b>

**8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE**

**VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES:** The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)</b>	<b>GENDER</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM**

Complete the form as follows:

**ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:

- A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
- B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
- C. Willing to serve if elected.

**ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.**ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.**ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.**ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.**ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.**

**NOTE:** The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.