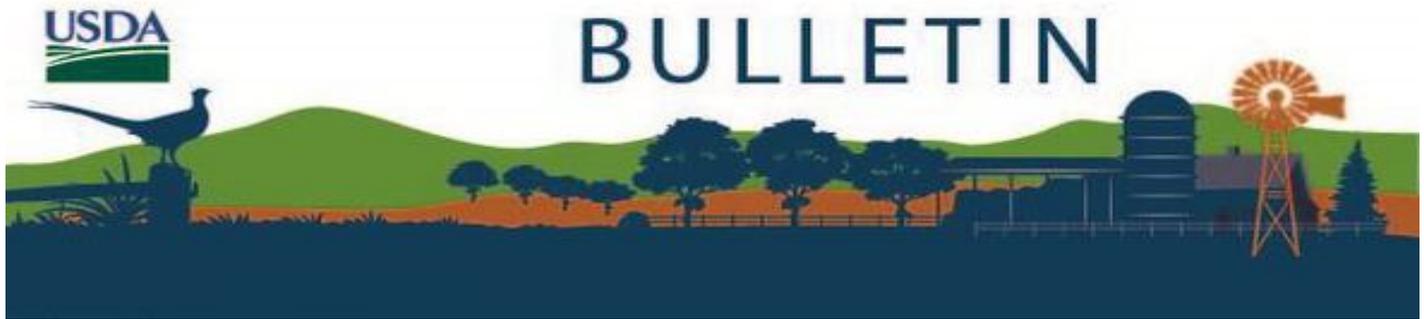


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## Carbon/Albany County FSA Updates

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### **Carbon/Albany County FSA Office**      **FSA County Committee Nomination Period in Carbon and Albany Counties Now Open**

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The nomination period for the Carbon/Albany County Committee began on June 15, 2016. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Carbon/Albany County FSA office by close of business on Aug. 1, 2016.

**County Executive Director:**  
Sheryl Hunter

County committees are unique to FSA and allow producers to have a voice on federal farm program implementation at the local level.

**Farm Loan Officer:**  
Dixie Mount

To be eligible to serve on the FSA County Committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) where they are nominated. All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process.

**Program Technicians:**  
Alyssa VanAken  
Mariah Sutton, temp

The year, nominations and elections will be held in LAA 2 (Carbon County), which includes all land located within the Medicine Bow Conservation District boundaries. Nominations and elections will also be held in LAA 4 (Albany County), which includes all land north of Township 19.

**County Committee:**  
Melinda Sims, Monty Munroe,  
Michelle Hall, Pat Sheehan,  
Ryan Wilson

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations representing minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form fSA0669A. The forms and more information about county committee elections is available online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

**Next County Committee Meeting:** TBD

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. County committees consist of three to eleven members.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7. Ballots are due back in the Carbon/Albany County Office by mail or in person no later than Dec. 5, 2016. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2017.

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## FSAfarm+, FSA's Customer Self-Service Portal

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has launched a new tool to provide farmers and ranchers with remote access to their personal farm information using their home computers. Farmers and ranchers can now view, print or export their personal farm data all without visiting an FSA county office.

The program, known as FSAfarm+, provides you with secure access to view your personal FSA data, such as base and yields, Conservation Reserve Program data, other conservation program acreage, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland conservation status information, field boundaries, farm imagery, name and address details, contact information and membership interest and shares in the operation. This data will be available in real time, at no cost to the producers and allow operators and owners to export and print farm records, including maps. Producers also can electronically share their data with crop insurance agent from their own personal computer.

Farm operators and owners first will need "Level 2 eAuthentication" to access the webportal. This level of security ensures that personal information is protected for each user. Level 2 access can be obtained by going to [www.eauth.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.usda.gov), completing the required information and then visiting your local FSA office to finalize access.

For more information on FSAfarm+, the customer self-service portal, contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA county office, click <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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## Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, producer sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- \* Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- \* Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- \* Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- \* Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- \* Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- \* Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

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Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting should contact [Sheryl Hunter](#) at 307-326-5657 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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