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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Cochise County Committee Election is coming up quickly. This year LAA1 is up for re-election. This area covers Stewart District, Benson, Kansas Settlement, Willcox, Pomerene and Cochise. The elected producer will serve on the county committee for a three year term beginning January 2, 2012. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer and work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. The nomination period begins **June 15, 2011**; see Page 2 of this newsletter to obtain a nomination election form. Nomination forms must be received in the county office by close of business on August 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your local county office.

DID YOU CERTIFY YOUR ACREAGE?

Producers who have planted wheat, barley and/or oats on their farm must have certified their acreage by May 16, 2011. If you missed the deadline, you still have the opportunity to submit a late filed acreage report. The county office will complete a field visit to verify the crop was planted and a fee will be assessed. Contact the county office for instructions on how to complete the late filed certification.

All other crops, including fallow ground and rangeland, must be certified by July 15, 2011. It is very important to certify your acreage with the county office. Most programs require producers to certify all of their acreage, whether planted or not, in order to be eligible for payments.

If you have any questions concerning certifying your acreage, contact your local FSA office.

AGI VERIFICATION PROCESS

Every producer who submitted a CCC-926 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Form for 2009, 2010 and/or 2011 to the Farm Service Agency **must** complete the AGI Verification Process. **Failure to complete the AGI Verification Process could result in the repayment of benefits received from FSA and/or NRCS.**

The IRS has created a listing of producers who failed to complete the AGI Verification Process for 2009 and 2010. The county office will be contacting those producers to resolve the discrepancies on the report. If you are contacted by FSA, you need to complete the AGI Verification Process as soon as possible.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE	
		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		5. COUNTY	
		6. LAA	7. STATE
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: <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.		8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).	

9. 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.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<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.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 8A & 8B** The nominator must sign and date. (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)
- ITEM 9** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the 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 10 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. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

2012 Sales Closing Dates

This table provides the 2012 sales closing dates for Arizona. The county where the crops are physically grown, will determine whether they are insurable and eligible for catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level or are noninsurable and eligible for noninsured crop disaster assistance program (NAP). Consult your local insurance agent to determine whether the crops you are growing are eligible for CAT or NAP. Please note: Some FSA programs require ALL crops to be insured with either CAT or NAP.

January 31, 2012	February 28, 2012	May 31, 2011	May 31, 2012	September 1, 2011	October 31, 2011	November 20, 2010	November 20, 2011	November 30, 2011
Alfalfa Mix Cucumbers Grapes Grass, Bermuda Grass, Sudan Herbs, Basil Jojoba Pecans Peppers, Chile Raisins	Beans, Pinto Corn Cotton Okra Olives Peanuts Potato, Sweet Pumpkins Sorghum Squash	Artichokes Beans, Gar Beets Broccoli Cabbage Canola Carrots Cauliflower Celery Flowers, Chrysanthemum Greens, All Herbs, Cilantro Mustard Oats Onions Peas Radish Tomatoes	Nursery	Crustaceans Flowers, Stock Garlic	Alfalfa Barley Cantaloupe Grass, Native Honeydews Lettuce Rye Wheat	Grapfruit Lemons Oranges Tangelos	Apples Apricots Cherries Honey Peaches Pears Pistachios Plums Pomegranates Watermelon	Potatoes

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- June
- 1 Deadlines: Sign up for 2011 DCP Program & Submission of IRS Consent Forms
 - 15 County Committee Nominations Begin
 - 16 Cochise County Committee Meeting (Tentatively Scheduled)
- July
- 4 Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
 - 15 Deadline to submit acreage certification including rangeland and fallow land
 - 21 Cochise County Committee Meeting (Tentatively Scheduled)

FARM LOAN LIMITATIONS

Loan Type	Maximum	Term	Rate as of 6/01/2011
Farm Ownership Loan (FO)	\$ 300,000	Up to 40 years	Now 5.000%
Operating Loan (OL)	\$ 300,000	1 to 7 years	Now 2.750%
Emergency Loan	\$ 500,000	1 to 40 years	Now 3.750%
Guaranteed Loans (FO & OL)	\$ 1,112,000	By Lender	By Lender, Commercial Rates

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