

# GRAHAM/GREENLEE COUNTY

## Farm Service News

### Farm Service Agency Graham/Greenlee

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For further details and to discuss your own operation's eligibility for any program, contact your nearest FSA local office.

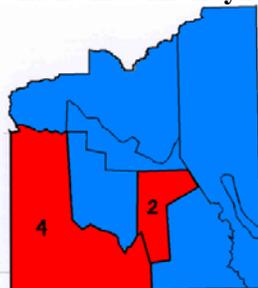
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### FSA COC NOMINATION DEADLINE

County committees play a crucial role in helping the county office staff implement the Farm Bill. Due to the important services that COC members provide, producers are encouraged to participate in the FSA county committee election process by nominating an eligible candidate by the August 2, 2010 deadline.

Accepting nominations for areas: LAA-2 and LAA-4. **LAA-2 voters are owners and operators of agriculture land located on the east side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave in Thatcher, and expand to San Jose and south of Safford into the Artesia area.**

**LAA-4 voters are ranches and farms located in the Bonita/Klondyke area**



To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on News & Events, then County Committee Elections. Nomination forms for the 2010 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 2, 2010.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local

producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning November 5, 2010. The voted ballots are due back at the local county office either via mail or in person by December 6, 2010.

### ACREAGE REPORTING

It is time to report your planted acres for 2010 crop year. Save on paying late fees and report timely. Acreage reports on crops covered under NAP must be filed by the earlier of May 15 for small grains and July 15 for all other crops, or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.

Prevented planting must be reported no later than **15 calendar days** after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Crops can be reported to the FSA office as soon as the crop is in the ground, no later than the May 15 deadline on small grains and a July 15 deadline on all other crops.

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**2011 NAP COVERAGE DEADLINES**

Noninsured Crop Disaster applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. Producers should apply for Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage using form CCC-471 (Application for Coverage). Related service fees are due when the application is filed. The application and service fee MUST be filed by the crop deadline date. Contact your local FSA office for the filing dates for your crops.



The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per producer per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1875 per producer for individuals with farming interests in multiple counties. Different varieties may require separate fees. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees.

To qualify, a producer must be a landowner, tenant or sharecropper who shares in the risk of producing an eligible crop.

May 31, 2010	artichokes, garbanzo beans, beets broccoli, cabbage, canola, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chrysanthemum flowers, all greens, cilantro herbs, mustard, oats, onions, peas, radish, and tomatoes.
September 1, 2010	crustaceans, stock flowers, and garlic
October 31, 2010	Alfalfa, Barley, Cantaloupe, native grass, honeydews, lettuce, rye, and wheat
November 20, 2010	apples, apricots, cherries, honey, peaches, pears, pistachios, plums and watermelon
November 30, 2009	Potatoes
January 31, 2011	Alfalfa Mix, Cucumbers, grapes, Bermuda and Sudan Grass Basil Herbs, Jojoba, Pecans, and Chili Peppers



February 28, 2011	Pinto Beans, Corn, Upland Cotton, ELS Cotton, Okra, Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin, Sorghum, Forage Sorghum, Grain Sorghum, and Squash
May 31, 2011	Nursery Crops

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCER/RANCHERS**

To be eligible for the livestock programs, native rangeland and/or grazing land needs to be insured through the NAP program.

Grazing acres need to be insured by October 31, 2010. No late file provisions are authorized.

**\*NO FILING FEE REQUIRED FOR LIMITED RESOURCE PRODUCERS**  
 Limited Resource producers can apply for NAP without having to pay the \$250 filing fee. To qualify as a limited resource producer, your Gross Farm Sales for each of the past two years must be less than \$142,000 and your average household income must be \$22,050.00 or less for Graham county and \$25,587.75 for Greenlee County.

**IMPORTANT**

Attention: If you receive damage from wild fire on your rangeland, it is your responsibility that you document well the statistics of the fire, maps and documents from Forest Service or other agencies for livestock disaster programs. Photographs with dates imprinted and records of livestock fatalities all aid in the application process for Livestock Disaster Programs.

**2009 NAP GRASS LOSSES**

For ranchers that insured their grasses in 2009, the loss assessments were received in the office. As soon as the office staff determines the loss for your ranch, you will be notified to file an application for payment.

## **SURE SIGNUP FOR CROP PRODUCTION LOSS**

Signup for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) began on January 4, 2010. SURE 2008 is for those who suffered crop production losses during crop year 2008.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.



Producers with a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. Producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

If there is no Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had

an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, please visit the county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

### **Civil Rights Complaint Process**

Any person, class or group of persons may file a discrimination complaint within 180 days of an alleged discriminatory action. Complaints may be filed in writing or orally with the agency head, any designated agency official or the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Assistance in filing a complaint can be obtained by calling or visiting any FSA office.

### **USDA/FSA Outreach Program**

FSA places special emphasis on outreach of underserved customers because we understand and recognize that certain groups have not participated in or have received limited benefits from USDA/FSA programs. Our goal is to increase the participation of the underserved customers, including limited-resources farmers/ranchers in FSA programs, with special emphasis on those who are socially disadvantaged or members of racial minority groups. Underserved customers are farmers/ranchers and landowners/operators with limited resources, minority groups (including American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Aleuts), women, and the physically challenged, who may need, but have not fully benefited from USDA assistance; individuals and groups who have not participated in or have received limited benefits from FSA programs, which may improve their quality of life and/or the environment; rural and urban communities; members of religious minorities; small specialty crop farmers, organic farms and other farmers with production practices that are different from most farmers in the area. FSA administers farm commodity and conservation programs and makes loans to farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain conventional credit. The Outreach-Program provides resources to help limited-resource and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers improve their incomes through better farm management and financial planning. Additional information about FSA programs and outreach projects is available at your local USDA Service Center

**Reasonable Accommodations**

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please call the Farm Service Agency county office staff, and we will be happy to make any arrangements that are necessary.

Dates to Remember	
July 5	Office closed for Independence Day
July 15	All crops other than small grain reporting deadline
Aug 2	Nomination petitions filing deadline
Oct 31	Last day to insure grasses

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