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**Tulare County FSA Office Direct and Counter Cyclic Program (DCP)
Signup Deadline August 2, 2013**

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The sign-up period for DCP is coming to a close. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline. Please call the office for an appointment or if you have questions.

COC Nomination Deadline Aug. 1

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

County committee members are critical to the operations of FSA by helping deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help oversee the administration of farm programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. FSA county committees apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions and operate within official regulations and federal laws.

The COC nomination period runs from June 17, 2013 through August 1, 2013. The nomination form is available at USDA Service Centers and [online](#). For more information contact our office.

LAA 2 is up for election this year. The geographical boundaries of LAA 2 is as follows: The south edge is Ave. 96, west edge is Road 168, north edge is Ave. 368 and the east edge is the Inyo county line.

Crop Certification

After spring planting, producers should certify their 2013 acreage. 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 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For all crops, including Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the deadline for each crop. For exact deadlines on certifications for each type of crop, give our office a call.

Filing for NAP Losses

For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a CCC-576, Notice of Loss, in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required for all crops including grasses. If you have any questions about the NAP program please give our office a call.

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. The Farm Service Agency 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 with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

If you are a county government official, real estate agent, attorney or are involved in real estate transactions remember to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

Dates to Remember

August 1 COC Nomination Deadline
August 2 DCP Signup Deadline

Selected Interest Rates for July

Farm Operating Loans - Direct - 1.250%
Farm Ownership Loans - Direct - 3.250%
Emergency Loans - 2.250%

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