

# Farm Service Agency

*New London County FSA Office  
September-October 2009*

**Obama Administration Names  
State Executive Director for  
Connecticut**

## **CONNECTICUT STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Marsha Jetté - Since 1975, Jetté served as County Executive Director in New London County, Conn., where she administers and interprets policies established by the Agency, State Committee, and County Committee. She also served on the 2007 National County Executive Director Classification Review Committee, and served as State Communications Coordinator for Connecticut and Rhode Island. In this position, she has received 11 performance-based awards. Jetté also worked in various roles for FSA from 1971-1975. She has coursework in Accounting from Johnson & Wales College in Rhode Island as well as the University of Southern California.

*We in New London County will miss Marsha but wish her the best in her new position.*

## **ELECTRONIC SERVICES AVAILABLE**

If a producer has Internet access, program participants can access many services from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receive approval and payment by direct deposit within 48 hours.

To participate in these services, you must meet all program eligibility requirements. Online services have stringent security measures to protect your private information.

To utilize electronic services a producer needs an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires an e-mail address and filling out an online registration form at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> followed by a visit to the county office for identity verification.

If you have more questions, or would like assistance establishing your account, just contact your local USDA Service Center and talk with our trained FSA personnel.

## **NAP COVERAGE**

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

The application deadline date for the 2010 NAP coverage for Connecticut is Sept 1st for Turf and November 20<sup>th</sup> for all other Annual Crops.

Producers who already have coverage on 2009 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2010, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new CCC-471, application for coverage is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop or crops.

Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to qualify for benefits:

Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested production using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required

File a "Notice of Loss" within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, due to drought, hail, etc.

For more information on NAP coverage please contact your nearest Farm Service Agency office.



## PAYMENT LIMITATION CHANGES

Over time the payment limitation provisions have been expanded to more programs. Some of the changes in this area are listed below

### **New forms for 2009 and subsequent years**

Anyone that plans to participate in 2009 programs is required to submit a completed CCC-902, CCC-926, and CCC-901, if applicable, for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes. The form used prior to 2009 was named CCC-502.

### **Another change for 2009, all must make a contribution in an entity**

All partners, stockholders, or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, for active--\*

- personal labor,
- active personal management,
- or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation;

\*Note: there are exceptions for spouses.

*For more detailed information on this and other programs please contact your local FSA office.*

## County Information

<p><b>Address:</b> 238 West Town Street Norwich, CT 06360</p>	<p><b>Phone Number:</b> (860) 887-9941 <b>Office Hours:</b> Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Staff:</b> Pat Smith, Acting CED Barbara Pagano, PT Claudia Fryer, Temp PT Ronald Clark, FLM</p>	<p><b>County Committee:</b> John Gadbois, Chairman Art Spielman III, V-Chm Ray Manning, Member Suzanne Sankow, <b>Minority Advisor</b></p>

## LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of Socially Disadvantaged Applicants

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

If producers or their spouses believe they would qualify as socially disadvantaged, they should contact their local FSA office for details. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM CHANGES

The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans:

- Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, barley
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruits & vegetables – cold storage facilities

For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**Office closed  
Monday, October 12,  
for Columbus Day**

PRRST STD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
YANTIC, CT 06389  
PERMIT #8



USDA - Farm Service Agency  
New London County FSA Office  
238 West Town Street  
Norwich, CT 06360