

# Bonneville FSA News



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**Next COC Meeting is:**  
**Wednesday, May 12 at**  
**8:30 am**



## Critical DCP Deadline!!!!!!

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue until June 1, 2010 with no late signup provision to allow you to enroll after that date. What that means is if you don't have all signatures representing 100% of the DCP payment shares the contract payment will be lost with no options for appeal as this is a statutory deadline.

As of May 1, Bonneville County had 266 of its contracts signed up for the 2010 season. That leaves 30 days to complete more than 600 contracts. With limited staff resources we will only be mailing or faxing contracts that have special circumstances and due to the office workload, mailings may not be timely enough to sign and return them to the office by June 1st. All returned contracts being mailed back to the FSA office are required to be postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup> or will be ineligible regardless of the date of signature.

It is the responsibility of the Farm Operator to provide all the required signatures back to the Office by 4:30 PM on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Faxes will be received until 4:30 PM as well on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

To avoid the lines and long waits the last week of DCP signup, come in today and sign this year's contract!! For more information on DCP rules contact the county office.

## **ACRE Program Deadline!!!**

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) is a revenue based program that looks at farm and state guarantee price and yield triggers. If both triggers are below the guarantee threshold additional payments are made for the actual acres of commodities raised on the farm up to the total amount of base acres on the farm.

Typical eligible commodities in Bonneville County are wheat and barley. Each crop has its own guaranteed price. The deadline for ACRE is the same **June 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline as the DCP program. For more information contact the office.

## **Average Gross Income – Deadline!!!**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010** is the deadline for submitting the simple form CCC-927 (individuals ) or CCC-928 (Entity including Trusts) to the IRS that gives permission for FSA to review the gross income statement completed bsy all Owners & Operators who received any FSA payments in 2009 & 2010.

If you haven't submitted these for all entities and individuals any payments received from FSA, NRCS or other USDA agencies will be **required to be refunded.** You can get these forms at your FSA Office or Online at the web address at the bottom of of this newsletter.

## **Crop Reporting Deadline!!!!**

The acreage reporting deadline for 2010 is **June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Crops that are not reported to the FSA office by 4:30 PM on June 30<sup>th</sup> will be subject to late-filed provisions that include inspection fees for each farm.

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.

Only crops planted after June 30<sup>th</sup> have 15 days where they can still be reported to FSA without late filed provisions & fees being assessed.

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.



## Measurement Service

Farmers who would like a guarantee on their crop plantings and land use acreages can make it official by using the FSA measurement service. Producers must file a request with the county office staff and pay the cost of a field visit to have stake and referencing done on the farm. Measurement service is available using digital imagery and where an on-site visit is not required are charged at a reduced rate.

Incorrect acreage self-certification can result in reduced program payments, penalty, or loss of eligibility.

Producers can request a copy of digital imagery for their land (commonly referred to as a clip) at no charge. This would provide the acreage of an entire field.

## 2010 FSA County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL 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.

County Committee (COC) members are a critical component of FSA operations. The intent is to have the COC reflect the makeup of the producers and to represent all constituents. This means wherever possible, minorities, women or lower income producers need to be on the committee to speak for these underrepresented groups.

FSA county committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws. County committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions.

### Election Period

June 15, 2010 – The nomination period begins. The nomination form can be found on Page 3

Aug. 2, 2010 - Last day to file nomination forms (FSA-669A) at the local USDA Service Center

Nov. 5, 2010 - Ballots mailed to eligible voters

Dec. 6, 2010 - Last day to return voted ballots to the USDA Service Center

Jan. 1, 2010 - Newly elected county committee members take office

### Who Can Hold Office

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility criteria.

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election
- Reside in the area in which the person is a candidate

Not have been:

- Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
- Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
- Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

## Nominations

- To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected.
- Nomination forms for the 2010 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 2, 2010.
- Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. Additionally, organizations representing minority and women farmers or ranchers may nominate candidates. Nomination forms are filed for the county committee of the office that administers a producer's farm records.

### Who Can Vote

- Agricultural producers of legal voting age may be eligible to vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Please contact the County Office for more information.

## Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

We have received many questions regarding the anticipated 2010 general CRP sign-up. At this time, we have not received notification of the sign-up dates or related guidelines. Please continue to watch future newsletters for further information.

Producers who have CRP acreage scheduled to expire 9/30/2010 may request approval for "early land preparation" if they intend to plant a fall seeded crop. Requests may be submitted to the County Committee by filing form CRP-1G, Modification to Allow Early Land Preparation. An approved request provides the contract holder the ability to destroy the CRP cover July 1<sup>st</sup> (or as early as May 1<sup>st</sup> in some cases) to prepare the seedbed for fall planting.

All early land preparation activities will affect general sign-up eligibility. Acreage where the CRP cover has been disturbed or destroyed will not be eligible to be offered for the anticipated 2010 general sign-up. Requests for early land preparation may be withdrawn provided the cover has not been damaged or destroyed and the acreage will remain eligible to be offered for the general sign-up.

Additional information on early land preparation for expiring CRP acres is available at FSA county offices.

# PRICE SUPPORT

On April 20, 2010, USDA announced the 2010 County Loan Rates for Wheat, Feed Grains and Oilseeds. Bonneville County rates are:

- Durum-\$6.22
- Hard Red Spring-\$3.87
- Hard Red Winter: \$2.71
- Soft White: \$2.99
- Barley: \$2.06

Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) are marketing tools available to producers and provide funds when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows.

Producers who obtain a loan on harvested eligible commodities have several choices available for settlement but will not be eligible for any LDP payment on that portion of their crop. LDP benefits may be available for crops that have not been pledged as loan collateral. MAL repayment and LDP provisions are intended to prevent delivery of loan collateral to Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Please contact FSA to obtain information regarding loan assistance, settlement options and LDP benefits.

For more information please see website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport>.

FSA-669A (03-24-10)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency	
<b>NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION</b>			
1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE</b>	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
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>		5. COUNTY	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>		6. LAA	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>		7. STATE	
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	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 above-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
<b>9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE</b>			
<b>VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES:</b> 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.			
<b>ETHNICITY</b>		<b>RACE</b> (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> White		
<b>INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM</b>			
Complete the form as follows:			
<b>ITEM 1</b> 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.			
<b>ITEM 2</b> Enter the nominee's current address.			
<b>ITEM 3</b> The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.			
<b>ITEMS 3A &amp; 3B</b> The nominee must sign and date.			
<b>ITEMS 8A &amp; 8B</b> The nominator must sign and date. (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)			
<b>ITEM 9</b> Completing this item is voluntary.			
<b>ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 2, 2010.</b>			
<b>NOTE:</b> 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 non-governmental 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, USDP/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 OMB-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. <b>RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</b>			

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***2010 Dates to Remember!***

- Ongoing** : Continuous CRP signup
- June 1** : DCP/ACRE program closes– NO LATE FILES ACCEPTED
- June 1** : Reconstitutions need to be filed
- June 15** : Deadline to submit AGI form CCC-927/CCC-928
- June 30** : Crop Reporting Deadline
- July 15** : Deadline to submit ACRE production 2004-2008 and 2009
- August 2** : Nomination Forms due for LAA 2 – Center section of Bonneville County

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