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# Fremont County FSA News

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## DIRECT & COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) will continue until **June 1, 2010**. The DCP program is the annual program which provides guaranteed direct payments based on contract acres established on the farm. Counter Cyclical payments may also be earned depending on market prices for the covered commodities. Advance payments may be requested at any time with final payments issued after October 1.

There are no late signup provisions to allow you to enroll after that date. If all signatures representing 100% of the DCP payment shares are not received by the deadline, the contract payment will be lost with no options for appeal as this is a statutory deadline.

It is the responsibility of the Farm Operator to get all the required signatures back to the Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Faxes will be received until 4:30 PM on June 1<sup>st</sup>. All contracts returned to the FSA office by mail must be postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup> or the contract will be ineligible regardless of the date of signature.

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 Fremont County office at 208-624-7391.

## 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 Fremont County are Wheat, Barley, and Oats. 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 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## 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.

Producers insured with Multi Peril Crop Insurance should make certain that crop reports are consistent with both FSA and crop insurance agents. Under the 2008 Farm Bill more compatibility of producer data between Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency is necessary.

## 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 verify the gross income certification completed by all Owners & Operators who received any FSA payment in 2009. The same form can be used to address the 2010 year.

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 <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms/>.

# 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.

The 2010 election is for LAA#2 which includes the Ashton, Greentimber, Squirrel and Island Park areas.

## 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 on following page) 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 LAA 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.

## Banking Changes?

Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. Usually the benefit is deposited to your account within 48 hours.

To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that may affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on May 31<sup>st</sup> to observe the Memorial Day holiday.

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**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

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	
		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.		<i>(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).</i>	

**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.

<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)</b>	<b>GENDER</b>
<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 2, 2010.**

**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.**



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Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
June 1	DCP Sign up closes
June 1	ACRE Sign up closes
June 1	Request for reconstitutions
June 15	AGI verification to IRS
June 30	Crop reporting deadline
Selected Interest Rates for May 2010	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.875%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.0%
Farm Ownership Loans — Down Payment	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility	3.25%

**Online Newsletters Available**

In order to reduce costs newsletters will no longer be mailed every month. We will be posting monthly newsletters to the following website:  
[www.fsa.usda.gov/id](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/id)

By selecting Newsletters in the left-hand box you can access the information by county.

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you each month please provide us with your email address.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The regularly scheduled Committee meeting will not be held in May. The normal schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month will resume in June.

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