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# Fremont County FSA News

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## 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 ad-

ministered 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.

## **Transition Incentives Program**

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) was created to encourage retired or retiring owners or operators to transition their Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

TIP sign up began on Monday, May 17, 2010. If all program requirements are met, TIP provides annual rental payments to the retiring farmer for up to two additional years after the date of the expiration of the CRP contract, provided the transition is not to a family member.

To be eligible, TIP requires that the retired or retiring farmer or rancher:

- Have land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) that is in the last year of the contract.
- Agree to allow the beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher make conservation and land improvements.
- Agree to sell, or have a contract to sell, or agree to long-term lease (a minimum of 5 years) the land under CRP contract to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher by Oct. 1 of the year the CRP contract expires.

Generally, TIP only applies to contracts that expire on September 30, 2010, or later. However, retired or retiring owners or operators with CRP contracts that expired on September 30, 2008, and September 30, 2009, may be eligible to enroll in TIP. To learn more about this program, producers interested in applying and participating in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

### **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM**

A general CRP signup is anticipated prior to October 1, 2010. Please watch for further information as it becomes available.



<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
June 15	AGI verification to IRS
June 30	Crop reporting deadline
July 15	Yields for ACRE program due
<b>Selected Interest Rates for June 2010</b>	
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Down Payment	1.50%
Farm Storage Facility	3.00%

**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 Fremont County FSA Committee normally meets each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9 AM. If you are interested in attending the meeting please contact the office to confirm the meeting.

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