



Holt County FSA Office

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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Crop Reporting

The deadline for reporting 2011 crops is June 30th for small grains (wheat & oats) and **August 1st** for all other crops (corn, soybeans, milo, CRP, hay & pasture). Crop reports are required for most FSA programs including CRP, DCP/ACRE, and commodity loans. If not filed timely, a late-filing fee of at least \$46 per farm is required. As with other programs, reminders will not be mailed as they have been in the past due to budget.

Prevented Planting – For 2011, because of weather conditions in some areas of Missouri, the deadline to file prevented planting has been extended to **August 1** for spring seeded crops.

Failed Acres – The policy for reporting failed acres has not changed. Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and **before** disposition of the crop.

ACRE Program Production deadline extended

Producers who are enrolled in the ACRE program are reminded that they must certify production for the 2010 crop year. The deadline to certify yields has been extended until **September 1**. Plug yields cannot be utilized for a farm in place of actual production once enrolled in the program.

It is the program participant's responsibility to report the yield and sign the FSA-658 form. The County Office staff will be more than happy to assist producers by providing them with the acres reported for the crop year. However, the staff will not assist in calculating the yield.

SURE Signup

The deadline to signup for the 2009 SURE Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) is **July 29, 2011**. The 2009 SURE provides benefits for 2009 crop year farm revenue losses due to natural disaster. A farm must have suffered a 10% or greater production loss on at least one crop of economic significance to be eligible. A farm is defined as a producer's share of all crops on all units he farms in all counties. Also to be eligible for SURE, an applicant must have had crop insurance or NAP on all his commercially grown crops of economic significance.

Compliance

Compliance and spotchecks will once again be utilized during the 2011 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve a statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, loans, etc.

SodBuster Regulations

The term “sodbusting” means converting land from native vegetation, such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after December 23, 1985. Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands.



Farmers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in Farm Service Agency programs. Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates on a CPA-026 that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage, before bringing land into production.

In addition, producers and the producer’s affiliates have to file an AD-1026 in the administrative or control county office before any farm program payment can be made. The AD-1026 is the producer’s signed certification that HELC, as well as wetland conservation, provisions will not be violated.

Beginning Farmer & Ranchers

FSA assists beginning farmers and ranchers to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in any loan assessment and borrower training in financial and production management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm greater than 30% of the median size farm in the county

Contact an FSA office for more information

County Committee Nominations

County Committees are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They direct the delivery of FSA farm programs at the local level and work within national guidelines to help programs fit the needs of their local communities. Committee members provide general oversight, review and act on appeals from program participants, keep the Missouri State FSA committee informed of issues in their county, and provide a link between the Agency and local producers.

From June 15 through August 1, 2011, FSA offices will be accepting nominations for candidates from the Local Administrative Area (LAA) holding this year’s election. USDA and FSA are committed to increasing the participation of all farmers including women, minorities and beginning farmers. You may nominate yourself or someone else as a candidate. Candidates must:

- Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch
- Live or farm in the LAA holding the election
- Participate in programs administered by FSA

In 2011, the LAA up for election in Holt County is LAA 3 which is made up of Forest, Forbes, Lewis and Nodaway townships. Karl Noellsch is the current Committee person from this area and is completing his second 3 year term.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else to run for a County Committee position, you may complete the FSA-669A Nomination Form on the 3rd page of this newsletter or come to your local FSA office for help completing the form. If you have any questions about the nomination or election process, feel free to contact your local office or any County Committee Member.

Changing Banks

It is important 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 might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service.

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
		5. COUNTY	
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.		6. LAA	
		7. STATE	
3A. SIGNATURE OF 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>	
3B. DATE		8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		8B. DATE	
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.

ETHNICITY	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	

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 1, 2011.

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-5. 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**

Selected Interest Rates for

June 2011

Farm Operating Loans — Direct	2.75%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.00%
Limited Resource Loans	5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct Down Payment, Beginning Farmer or Rancher	1.50%
Emergency Loans	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility Loans 7-yr.	2.625%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 10-yr.	3.25%
Farm Storage Facility Loan 12-yr.	3.5%
Commodity Loans	1.25%

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Dates to Remember

June 30	Final day to report small grain acres planted
July 4	Office closed for Independence Day
July 29	2009 SURE sign up ends
Aug 1	Crop reporting deadline
Aug 1	COC nomination forms due
Sept 1	Deadline to certify 2010 production for ACRE
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Continues	Continuous Conservation Reserve program.
May 1 thru July 16	Primary Nesting Season – No mowing or maintenance on CRP

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