



NEWSLETTER



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Camden, Pulaski
County
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Like everyone else, we are seeing the affects of the budget crunch. We will not be sending out reminder postcards for program deadlines. Therefore you need to pay close attention to newsletters and consider signing up for e-mail or text alerts by giving us your e-mail address and/or cell phone number. June 30 is the deadline for reporting planted wheat and oats. July 31 is the deadline for reporting all other crops. If you are done planting, come on in or call for an appointment. Be sure to report to us first and we will give you a printout to take to your crop insurance agent. We will do our best to serve you timely.

Ava Baker, Program Technician, retired June 3. Thank you Ava for years of service to area Producers, you will be missed.

Ava's Comments: I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank all the producers in the Laclede, Camden, and Pulaski counties for making the last 33 ½ years so enjoyable. I've seen many changes in my career, from rotary phones to a digital phone system, manual typewriter to computer, from hard copy aerial photography to Geo-Spatial Information System on the computer, measuring with a chain and staking at the farm to measuring on the computer, and going from a one county office to a three county service center. I've PIK'd and rolled, seen the Agricultural Conservation Program come and go, made commodity loans from corn to mohair, seen set-aside acres go by the way of freedom to farm (or not to farm), various dairy programs, the big Emergency Conservation Program resulting from the 2007 ice storm, and taken many, many, many Emergency Feed Assistance applications. I've worked with many wonderfully talented people both in FSA (ASCS), NRCS (SCS) and the SWCDs. One thing has remained the same; America's farmers are the salt of the earth. I can truly say God has blessed me. Thank each and every one of you for a wonderful career.

Livestock Indemnity Program LIP is an ongoing program to compensate producers for Livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. There are no Disaster designations & no insurance requirements to be eligible for LIP – payments will be based on a producer's eligible loss due to adverse weather conditions which include lightning, ice storms, flooding, wildfire, blizzard, tornado, extreme heat or cold etc documented by the FSA county committee. Producers will need to file a notice of loss within 30 days of when a loss is apparent. Payment rates per head will be 75% of the market value of livestock, by kind, type & weight range, to be determined by CCC.

Report Prevented Planting and Failed Acreage
It is important to report prevented planting and failed acres within 15 days after the final planting date for corn and beans. Failure to do so will may result in eligibility issues for SURE and ACRE programs. Final planting dates for corn and soybeans are 5/31 and 6/20, respectively.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS OF HISPANIC AND WOMEN FARMERS



As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration's settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

In conjunction with this announcement, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov.

Beginning February 25, 2011, individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider

COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) NOMINATIONS:

Since COC elections happen only once a year, here is an election refresher. For election purposes, counties are divided into *local administrative areas*, or LAAs. Each LAA selects one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee. Each year, an election is held in an LAA to replace the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAAs, one seat is up for election. For Laclede, Camden and Pulaski County each county is a LAA. Pulaski County will elect a member this year.

Nominations

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election (Pulaski County) and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. The nomination form, FSA-669A, is available at the county office or may be downloaded online at www.fsa.usda.gov. It is also the next page of this newsletter. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Aug. 1, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1, 2011.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Filing an accurate acreage report at your local FSA office can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Failed acreage is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster related conditions, the crop failed before it could be brought to harvest. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Final reporting date is 7/31 except small grains which is June 30.

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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>		6. LAA	7. STATE
		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>	
<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.		8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	<i>(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.			

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"/> 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 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**

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Darrel's Notes

Pulaski County producers can nominate for COC. See article. Election in November. Nominations due 8/1.

If you want FSA to give aerial photos of your farm to others (appraisers, real estate agents, family, fertilizer spreaders etc.) they need a signed statement from you authorizing FSA to release aerial photos with acreages. These statements must have an expiration date.

If your farm suffers a weather related disaster, contact my office to discuss ECP. ECP is Emergency Conservation Program. ECP can remove debris from tornadoes, ice storms etc. Some of these storms may be isolated and I won't receive information in time to get our counties eligible for benefits without your assistance. Insurable items such as machinery and building are not covered and damages must exceed \$2500.

Thank you Ava and Best Wishes!

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."