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County Committee Elections to be Held November 5 Through December 6

County Committees are a critical component to the operations of FSA. Committee members provide oversight in the delivery of farm programs at the local level and provide a grass roots perspective for county FSA offices. Upon completion of the nomination period, county committee elections will be underway beginning November 5, 2010 and continue thru December 6, 2010.

The election of eligible agricultural producers to the county committee is important to all program participants. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election, as the committee provides a direct link between the farm community and FSA.

7,800 farmers & ranchers serve on FSA county committees nationwide

USDA and FSA are committed to increasing the participation of all farmers including women, minorities and beginning farmers. Please contact the local FSA office with questions on voter eligibility.

Each eligible voter will receive a ballot by mail. Ballots must be completed, signed and returned no later than close of business on December 6, 2010. Voters may also write-in eligible nominees from the applicable Local Administrative Area (LAA). It is imperative voters ensure the ballot is completed accurately. Ballots not submitted correctly will be withdrawn from the election. Ballots may be returned by mail or may be taken to the local FSA office.

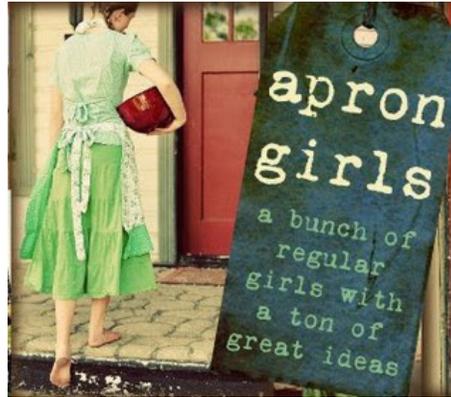
Ballots will be tallied by current county committee members using official USDA procedure, and new members will take office on January 1, 2011. If you are an eligible voter in the LAA up for this year's election, make certain your voice is heard by voting and returning your ballot no later than December 6, 2010.

County	LAA	Townships	Nominees
Benton	2	South Williams, Lindsey, Cole	Kenneth Eckhoff
Carroll	2	Prairie, Trotter, Egypt, Moss Creek, Wakenda, Cherry Valley, Sugar Tree	Roger Kaiser
Chariton	2	Cunningham, Yellow Creek, Salt Creek, Mendon, Triplett, Brunswick	James Stewart
Cooper	3	Clear Creek, Kelly, Lebanon, Otterville, Pilot Grove	Darrell Spaedy
Henry	1	Bogard, Big Creek, Fields Creek, Honey Creek, Shawnee, White Oak	John Phillip Howerton and Terry Vern Smith
Howard	3	Boonslick, Franklin, Moniteau	Sue Sherry, Joy Crites and Eric Colvin
Johnson	3	Washington, Rose Hill, Chilhowee, Post Oak, Jefferson	Lisbeth Jean Thomason
Lafayette	1	Clay, Lexington	Howard Block, Gene Luehrman
Pettis	2	Dresden, Elkfork, Flat Creek, Green Ridge, Prairie, Washington	Charles Elliott
Ray	3	Knoxville, Grape Grove, Crooked River	Kenneth K Burns
Clay	4	Lawson, East 1/2 Kearney, East 1/3 Liberty, Excelsior Springs, Missouri	T Renee Rhodus-Cull
Randolph	3	Union, Sugar Creek	Ed Miller
Saline	3	Blackwater, Elmwood, Liberty, Salt Pond	Donald Boland

2010 Women in Agriculture Conference

The 2nd Annual Women in Agriculture Conference will be held Thursday, November 4, 2010. Festivities will kick-off at 1:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Salisbury.

This year's keynote address will be given by Cyndi Young, Brownfield Network Farm Broadcaster. Young was recognized as Farm Broadcaster of the Year for the nation in 1997, and received the coveted Oscar in Agriculture in 2009.



Seminar topics include:

- Understanding the Animal Activist
- Wolves in Sheep's Clothing
- Wildlife Damage Management Program
- Marketing 101
- The Top Ten P's For a Prettier Porch or Patio

Please feel free to join in the education and fun. All who are interested are welcome!

Participants can register by calling the Chariton County Extension Center as soon as possible at 660-288-3239.

Program Participants to Complete and Submit CCC-927 or CCC-928

The 2008 Farm Bill included new average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations for program participants. These AGI limitations are:

- \$500,000 or less non farm average AGI in order to receive commodity, price support or disaster program benefits,
- \$750,000 or less farm average AGI in order to receive direct payments under the DCP and ACRE programs and
- \$1 million or less nonfarm average AGI to receive conservation program benefits.

Each year, program participants are required to submit a CCC-926 to certify to AGI limitation compliance. Please visit the local county FSA office to complete this form.

To allow for improved accuracy in applying AGI regulations, FSA partnered with the IRS to verify participant certifications. All program participants were required to provide written consent to IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA. This consent to IRS is made on the CCC-927 for individuals or CCC-928 for entities. All individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, must submit a completed CCC-927 or 928. The form must be submitted with the same Tax ID number as used when taxes were filed. Please ensure the name and address of the individual or legal entity on the form corresponds with the Tax ID number of the individual or legal entity.

All program participants who have not submitted the CCC-927 or CCC-928 to IRS for **2009 and 2010**, have been identified. Letters were sent on October 6, 2010 to participants who did not file the 927 or 928. *The notification was sent to ALL producers who either did not send the form in or sent a form that needs corrections.* Please ensure these forms are mailed to the IRS.

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New Conservation Loan Program-Eligibility Expanded

USDA has launched a Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators access to credit used to implement conservation techniques to conserve natural resources.

The Conservation Loan program will give farmers who want to implement conservation measures on their land a chance to do so by providing assistance with their up-front costs. In return, these producers will help to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and promote sustainable and organic agriculture practices.

With the Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS) approval, CL funds can be used to implement conservation practices, such as the installation of conservation structures; establishment of forest cover; installation of water conservation measures; establishment or improvement of permanent pastures; implementation of manure management; and the adaptation of other emerging or existing conservation practices, techniques or technologies.

Direct Conservation Loans
up to **\$300,000**
available

Interested applicants, who do not already have NRCS-approved conservation plans, should work with the local NRCS staff to develop a conservation plan, which includes all applicable conservation practices. New or existing conservation plans must be NRCS approved before FSA can provide financing.

Eligibility requirements for the program have been expanded to permit FSA to provide assistance to some applicants who may be large and financially strong. Direct CLs can be obtained through FSA with loan limits up to \$300,000. Guaranteed CLs up to \$1,119,000 are available from lenders working with FSA. Loan terms will vary and will be based on the life of the security offered, but will not to exceed 20 years for real estate security and seven years for chattel property.

Paper Check Conversion—Over the Counter (PCC-OTC)

Throughout the next year, FSA and CCC are moving toward an electronic method for processing producers' checks. This will allow FSA/CCC to process collections more effectively. When a producer brings or mails a check to the FSA office, the checks will be converted into an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). The funds will be debited from the producer's account, usually within 24 hours of receipt.

FSA is confident this new process will present many benefits. These benefits, including improvement of customer relations, speed of check clearing processes and reductions in human error.

If the check is presented in person, the check will be scanned into the system, voided and stamped with the words, "Electronically Processed" or "Electronically Presented" and returned to the customer.

If the check is mailed to FSA, the check will be scanned into the system and voided. The customer will not receive the check back from FSA. FSA will hold checks for up to 14 calendar days to ensure that the item was successfully processed, and then FSA will shred the check.

Checks received by
FSA will be processed
electronically.

The transfer of funds from your account could occur within 24 hours. Therefore, producers should ensure sufficient funds are available in the account to allow the transaction to process. If sufficient funds are not available, FSA may initiate the transaction again. This transfer will be reflected on your account statement and may be recorded in a different place on your statement than normal checks.

For more information please visit: <https://www.pccotc.gov/pccotc/pcc/usingpcc/Legal%20Notices/legalnotices.htm>

Official Business

Selected October Interest Rates

7 Year Facility Loan	2.125%
10 Year Facility Loan	2.625%
12 Year Facility Loan	2.875%
Marketing Assistance Loan	1.250%
Farm Operating Loan-Direct	2.125%
Farm Ownership Loan-Direct	4.375%
Farm Operating-Limited Resource	5.000%
Conservation Loan	4.375%

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Public Financial Management Information Web Page

FSA recently announced the launching of a new web page aimed to assist producers with their FSA financial needs. The web page allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information.

Registered producers may view specific information about payments, collections, outstanding debt (excluding loans) and form CCC-1099-G. Additional benefits include: the ability to enter information to assign a payment to a third party, request that a payment be made jointly to the producer and a third party, and to route a payment to an account at a financial institution.

All producers who have Internet access and have registered for e-Authentication level 2 may use the FSA Financial Inquiries website without further action. Those who have not obtained the e-Authentication level 2 access will need to do so. Producers may sign up for access at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov. After completing a customer profile and submitting online, a confirmation email will require activation of the account within 7 days. Finally, by completing the "Identity Proofing" process at the local USDA Service Center (presenting photo ID), access will be granted.

The webpage can be accessed at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi/>. For more details please contact your local FSA office.

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged

FSA assists members of socially disadvantaged groups by financing agricultural enterprises. Loans are available for operating expenses or to purchase or make improvements to a farm. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. Contact FSA for more information.