



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

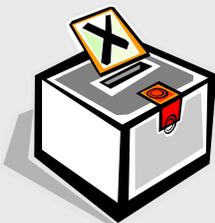
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

**FSA Committee
Nomination
Deadline**

County committees (COC) play a crucial role in helping county office staff implement Farm Bill Programs. Due to the important services that COC members provide, producers are encouraged to participate in the FSA county committee election process by nominating an eligible candidate.

The nominating form (FSA-669A) and other valuable information about FSA elections are available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Newsroom, then County Committee Elections. Nominations for the 2010 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on

August 2, 2010.



Missouri District 5

Boone, Callaway, Cole/Miller, Franklin, Gasconade, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage/Maries, St. Charles/St. Louis, and Warren Counties

JULY 2010

Crop Reporting Deadline—July 31, 2010

A complete acreage report on all cropland must be filed in order to receive program payments. The final reporting date on all cropland is July 31, 2010 (July 31 is on a Saturday for 2010, crop reports will be accepted thru August 2, 2010.). Producers are encouraged to contact their offices for an appointment to report their crops **TODAY!**

Reminders: *Check planted acres, planting dates, and crop shares. Acreage and shares should accurately reflect the farming operation and be consistent with USDA Farm Programs, crop insurance, and crop sales receipts. Program benefits depend on shares being reported correctly.*



Children and families are in great need of donated food this summer. Many parts of the country are

still feeling no relief from the recession as local food banks have documented record numbers of families, children, and first-time visitors seeking food assistance.

Local USDA employees, farmers, and friends are joining together to combat hunger at USDA offices throughout the county. Our goal is to collect 1.2 million pounds of food nationwide. If you would like to help us reach our goal to feed families in need, you can bring donations to your local service center. We will accept donations now through August 31, 2010.

Successor-In-Interest

Sale of land, transfer of interest, foreclosure, bankruptcy, death or any change in shares should be reported to the county office. These changes may require contract modifications or successions for the 2010 program year. All changes since the June 1st enrollment deadline shall be reported to the office as soon as possible and no later than September 30, 2010. Failure to report these changes timely may result in contract termination and refund of any payments received.

In addition, many FSA programs will allow payments to be made to heirs or successors when a program participant dies. Certain programs, such as CRP, require that contracts be revised when there is a succession in interest of a deceased participant's share. Maintaining current, accurate records about participants is vital to ensuring that those payments are is-

**July/August
Select Interest Rates**

- Farm Operating-Direct 2.5%
- Farm Ownership-Direct 4.625%
- Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer- 1.500%
- Emergency Loans 3.750%
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
 - *7-year term 2.750%
 - *10-year term 3.250%
 - *12-year term 3.500%
- Commodity Grain Loans 1.375%

16th Annual Women In Ag Conference

Tours and Workshops

September 13, 14, & 15, 2010

Branson, Missouri
See your local SWCD for
registration information for
this year's conference.



Payment Limitation-Annual Notice

In order to be eligible for payments and benefits under the Direct and Counter-Cyclical/ACRE Program, Loan Deficiency Payments, Marketing Assistance Loan Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program, producers must be determined to be “actively engaged in farming” and have met the “adjusted gross income limitation”. Additionally, cash rent tenant, permitted entity restrictions and foreign person rules may apply. Maximum dollar amounts an “eligible person” can earn for each crop year are as follows:

| Program Payment Type | Dollar Limitations |
|---|--------------------|
| | 2010 / 2011 / 2012 |
| Commodity Programs | |
| Counter-cyclical and Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE), except peanuts | 65,000 <u>1/</u> |
| Direct payments on covered commodities except peanuts | 40,000 <u>2/</u> |
| Conservation Programs | |
| Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payment. | 50,000 |
| Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for FY 2009-2012 | 200,000 |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) FY 2009-2012 | 300,000 |
| Grassland Reserve Program (GRP); Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP); Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) | 50,000 per program |
| Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) | 100,000 |
| Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) | 100,000 |
| Tree Assistance Program (TAP) | 100,000 |
| Price Support Programs | |
| Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP); Marketing Assistance Loans Gain | No limits |

1/ Under ACRE, this amount will be a combined limitation for counter-cyclical and ACRE payments. If a person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm participating in ACRE, this limitation will reflect an increase for the amount that direct payments are reduced.

2/ If the person or legal entity has a direct or indirect interest in payments earned on a farm that is in ACRE, this limitation will reflect a 20 percent reduction in direct payments on each farm that is participating in ACRE.

Additional information on payment limitations is available at FSA county offices or on line at: www.fsa.usda.gov

Conservation Program Updates

CRP General Sign-Up FSA anticipates a Conservation Reserve General Sign-Up AUGUST 2010.

***Producers are reminded
that land must be physi-
cally capable of being
cropped to be offered
for the CRP sign-up.
Watch for more details
regarding eligibility
years and sign-up dates.***



Maturing CRP Contracts:

CRP cover may be destroyed beginning July 1 of the final year of the *General* CRP contract only to begin preparation of a seedbed for fall-seeded crops. CRP participants with certain expiring acres, who intend to destroy cover for preparation for fall-seeded crops will need a pre-authorization from FSA. There is not a payment reduction for the CRP acres, however, the participant will be in violation if they fail to plant a fall-seeded crop in a normal manner.

The request can be submitted anytime during the final year of the contract and authorization can only be granted after a completed CRP-1G (Modification to Allow Early Preparation) is reviewed and approved by the county committee.

CRP Tree Plantings Eligible for Thinning

Tree thinning is available for those producers that have established CRP tree practices. If interested, producer may be eligible for cost share to thin trees for management purposes. Producers will consult with NRCS or the Forestry Service prior to beginning and will establish a conservation plan for the management. If you have a CRP Tree practice and are interested in the thinning management program please contact the FSA office.

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. 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 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, 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 if the land has not been sold or leased before signing a CRP-TIP Contract AND producers are otherwise eligible under TIP provisions

To learn more about this program, producers interested in applying and participating in TIP should visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office.

District 5 Service Centers Michelle Motley District Director 573-229-5047

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| Boone | Kim Viers, CED 601 Bus Loop 70W, Suite 213E Columbia, MO 65203 573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547 COC Meets 2 nd Tues. @ 8:30 am. |
| Callaway | Darrell Campbell, CED Mark Mudd, FLM 4549 State Rd H Fulton, MO 65251-5465 573-592-1400 FAX 573-592-1450 COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 9 am. |
| Cole-Miller | Drew Parmley, CED Kelly Volmert, FLM 1911 Bogg's Creek Road Jefferson City, MO 65101 573-893-5196 FAX 573-893-7238 COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:30 am. |
| Franklin | Sheria Yancey, CED 1004 Vondera Ave., Suite 1 Union, MO 63084-3122 636-583-2303 FAX 636-583-3571 COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:00 am. |
| Gasconade | Abby Inglis, CED 316 Olive Street Owensville, MO 65066 573-437-4131 FAX 573-437-4771 COC Meets 2 nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am. |
| Moniteau | Daryl Raithel, CED 410 West Buchanan California, MO 65018 573-796-4691 FAX 573-796-4520 COC Meets 3 rd Thurs. @ 9 am. |
| Montgomery | Priscilla Eggering, CED 1013 South Sturgeon Montgomery City, MO 63361-2700 573-564-2262 FAX 573-564-3967 COC Meets 1st Tues. @ 9 am. |
| Morgan | Dennis Schad, CED 100 S Burke Street Versailles, MO 65084 573-378-4589 FAX 573-378-6163 COC Meets 2nd Fri. @ 9 am. |
| Osage-Maries | Randy Frisbee, CED 1315 East Main Street Linn, MO 65051 573-897-2138 FAX 573-897-4107 COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:30 am. |
| St.Louis-St. Charles | Connie Gibson, CED 160 St. Peters Centre Blvd. St. Peters, MO 63376 636-922-2833 FAX 636-922-2840 COC Meets: COC Meets 2nd Wed. @ 9am |
| Warren | Ryan Eddy, CED 635 W. Booneslick RD Warrenton, MO 63383 636-456-3433 FAX 636-456-3712 COC Meets 1st Mon. @ 9 am |

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Official Business

Dates to Remember

July 16

Start Date for Mid-Contract
Management Disking of CRP

Aug 2

Final Day To Report All Spring Planted
Crops, Hay, Pasture, And CRP Acres
without Late-File Fee

August 2

Last Day to File COC Election Nomina-
tion form

Final date to Request Farm Recon-
stitution for 2010

September 1

Final Day To Provide Production Evi-
dence For ACRE Farms

September 6

Labor Day Holiday
Offices Closed

Reminder:

Have You Mailed Your
Completed IRS/USDA
Consent Form?

Attention Livestock Producers: *Livestock losses due to adverse weather conditions should be reported to the FSA office within 30-days. Losses may qualify for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP).*

Difficulty Obtaining Operating Loan Funds?

Producers unable to obtain an operating loan from a commercial lender may qualify for direct or guaranteed operating loan assistance from the Farm Service Agency. Financing is provided to eligible applicants to fund annual crop input expenses, livestock purchases, machinery purchases, or to refinance eligible crop, machinery, or livestock debt.

Producers are reminded when they have a change in:

Address or Contact Information

Bank Account

Land Ownership

Please contact FSA to update your information!

It helps us serve you better.

Help Available to Stressed Farmers

Recently, the economy, inclement weather, and other factors have hurt some farming operations around the country. These events can push a producer to the emotional breaking point. Watching your livelihood being threatened is difficult for farmers and ranchers, especially for those whose income is solely dependent on agriculture. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is available to help. If you know a farmer or rancher who is under stress and is reluctant to ask for help, or if you just need to talk to someone, call 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Help is just a phone call away. This service is not affiliated with the US Department of Agriculture.

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