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Hours

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Steve Wines, Chair
Mark Damele, Vice Chair
Patsy Tomera, Member
Mitch Heguy, Member
Clayton Cota, Member

**Elko Eureka County
Committee has changed
their meeting date!**

**Elko Eureka County
Committee will now meet
on the second Wednesday
of each month. On an
as needed basis.**

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Clayre Moiola, CED
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2010 FSA County Committee Elections

The two positions that are up for election this year are:

LAA3, which includes Ruby Valley, Clover Valley, Jackpot area, O'Neil Basin area and south to the White Pine County line. This area is represented now by Steve Wines.

LAA4, this is the northern part of Eureka County, basically from Roberts Creek Mountain north to the Elko County line. This area is represented now by Patsy Tomera.

Anyone in either area that is interested in becoming a member of the County Committee is welcome to complete a nomination form. The nomination form is available at the Elko Eureka FSA Office.

2010 FSA County Committee Elections

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers, whether beginning or long established, with large or small operations. 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 whenever 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.

Election Period

June 15, 2010 – The nomination period begins. Request nomination forms from the local USDA Service Center or obtain online at:

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669_a_commiteelectform.pdf

Aug. 2, 2010 - Last day to file nomination forms (FSA-669A) 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, 2011 - 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 as follows:

- Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA.
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election.
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate.

Causes for ineligibility:

- 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. This form is available at USDA Service Centers and online at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa0669a_commiteelectform.pdf

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.

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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 in the office that administers the 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. More information about voting eligibility requirements can be found in the FSA fact sheet titled "FSA County Committee Election - Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a County Committee Member." Producers may contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.



Notice to all NAP producers

Acreage reporting deadline is fast approaching!

Producers who have purchased 2010 NAP must complete a 2010 acreage report on all acreage by the acreage reporting date. If you have **grain crops you must complete a 2010 acreage report by June 15, 2010**. All other crops this **includes grazing land** must be reported **by July 15, 2010**. The reports must be done in the Elko Office and signed and dated by the producer. If the producer has BLM and/or FS permits, you are required to provide a copy of all the current permits when you complete the acreage report.

If you had grass hay coverage in 2009 and have not provided the Elko Office with a production report on your hay crop for 2009, you must do so by the date you complete a 2010 acreage report.

Please call the Office for an appointment to complete your 2010 acreage report, 775-738-6445 ext 2.

NAP Loss Filing

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. The timely filing of a Notice of Loss is required for ALL CROPS INCLUDING GRASSES. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a CCC-576 (notice of loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report



and CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

SURE Program

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE) provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters incurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, if crop insurance is not available, to participate in the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. However, crop insurance or NAP coverage is no longer required for crops that are not of economic significance or those where the administrative fee required to buy NAP coverage exceeds 10% of the value of the coverage.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

The following conditions trigger SURE payments:

- At least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition
- Crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- Crop is in a county declared a disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or producer shows proof of an individual loss of at least 50%.

SURE payments can apply to crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured with consideration to the whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

A SURE calculator is available at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=sure>. The calculator is not official, but is intended for educational use. A fact sheet and background are also available online.

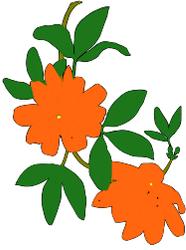
Farm Loan Programs

The FSA offers loans for eligible farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain

private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Emergency loans are always direct loans for farmers who may have suffered physical or production losses in disaster areas designated by a Presidential or Secretarial disaster declaration. Rural Youth Loans, Loans to Beginning Farmers and loans for socially disadvantaged applicants are also available.

For details please contact the county office staff for an appointment with a farm loan officer.



Elkodowntown.org

Contact: Amber Overholser, Market Manager,
(775) 340-7730

The Elko Downtown Business Association wants to invite local green thumbs to join forces with friends, service groups and other people within the community and offer the hungry crowds at the coming 2010 farmer's markets fresh produce grown locally in the heart of Northern Nevada. With summer almost here, now is the time to contribute to the better health of our community. Amber Overholser, Market Manager states, "The farmers markets are a means for us to come together as a community in support of local food and those who produce it. We encourage anyone who is interested to send in an application and/or ask any questions they may have of us; we hope to have our community fully involved in the market". The DBA would also like to announce that potential vendors are welcome to drop off their applications at Cucina Fresca on 406 Idaho Street or via fax at (775) 738-5749.



The Elko Downtown Business Association 2010 Farmers Markets are scheduled for the second Saturdays of July, August, September and October, from 10am-3pm, in the downtown corridor. The Market will be an avenue for vendors to share fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods or hand-made gifts with people throughout our community. All applications will be reviewed by the DBA before final approval is given. Potential vendors are encouraged to contact Amber Overholser at (775) 340-7730, visit elkodowntown.org or email Overholser at elkofarmersmarket@yahoo.com for an application or if they have any questions.

Rural Energy Program from USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) through June 30, 2010. REAP provides grants and guaranteed loans to eligible farmers and ranchers and rural small businesses to make energy efficiency improvements and to purchase and install renewable energy systems. For more information about REAP, contact Mark Williams, Nevada Rural Development's Rural Energy Coordinator at 775-887-1222, ext. 116 or mark.williams@nv.usda.gov. USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

If you are interested in becoming a member on the Elko Eureka County Committee please visit the Office between June 15, 2010 and August 2, 2010 and complete a nomination form.

ACREAGE REPORTS

Acreage reports are due by July 15, 2010. Please call for an appointment to complete an acreage report. 775-738-6445 ext. 2

NAP COVERAGE FOR 2011

October 31, 2010 – last day to purchase NAP coverage for forage crops.

December 1, 2010 – last day to purchase NAP coverage for grazing crops

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 PERMIT # 22**

Dates to Remember	
Jan. 4, 2010	SURE Signup opens
June 1, 2010	Last Day to sign up for DCP
June 1, 2010	Last day for reconstitution requests
June 15, 2010	All grain crops must be reported
June 15, 2010	Accepting COC Nominations
July 5, 2010	Office Closed for July 4 th Holiday
July 15, 2010	All other crops must be reported – this includes grazing
Aug 2, 2010	Last day to file COC nominations
Oct. 31, 2010	Last day to buy NAP forage coverage for 2011
Dec. 1, 2010	Last day to buy NAP grazing coverage for 2011
Dec. 6, 2010	COC election ballots due

Selected Interest Rates for June 2010	
90-Day Treasury Bill	.125%
Farm Operating Loans — Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership Loans — Direct	5.125%
Farm Ownership – Direct, Joint Financing	5.000%
Farm Ownership Loans — Down Payment	1.500%
Emergency Loans	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility Loans – 7 year term	3.000%
Farm Storage Facility Loans – 10 year term	3.625%
Farm Storage Facility Loans – 12 year term	3.875%
Commodity Loans 1996-Present	1.375%

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