



# Ely FSA Office News



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## Notice: All NAP Producers -- Acreage Reporting Deadline is Fast Approaching!

Producers who 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 Ely 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 Ely 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.

## 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 with-in 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.

## 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.

## 2010 FSA County Committee Elections

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

**LAA 1**, which is currently represented by **Max Reid, Jr.**, and **LAA3**, which is currently represented by **Annette Harris**.

If anyone in either area is interested in becoming a member of the County Committee, you welcome to complete a nomination form. The nomination form is available at the Ely FSA Office.



## 2010 FSA County Committee Elections Requirements

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 wherever 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. 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/fsa\\_0669a\\_commiteelectform.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_0669a_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 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/fsa\\_0669a\\_commiteelectform.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/fsa_0669a_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.

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.

## Rural Energy Program from USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for its Rural Energy for America Pro



gram 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](mailto:mark.williams@nv.usda.gov). USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider.

## Ranchers Can Request Farm Bill Funds for Projects on Public Land

For years, the Farm Bill has provided financial assistance to agricultural producers to install conservation practices on their private land. Now that same opportunity is available on public lands in Nevada, those lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and other federal and state agencies.

"Sage-grouse habitat improvement, wildfire restoration and fencing are just a few of the practices that can be applied on public land using Farm Bill funds," said Bruce Petersen, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Nevada.

The NRCS has been working with the BLM and FS to identify projects that are ready to be installed. Both agencies require environmental assessments and compliance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before improvements can be made on public land.

The NRCS has just launched a new initiative to help sage-grouse and improve working lands in eleven western states. Landowners in Nevada are eligible to receive payments to remove pinyon-juniper trees, restore burned areas, retrofit fences and install escape ramps in water tanks. "Being able to do these practices on public lands will help us be even more successful protecting the bird and its habitat," said Petersen.

Applicants must be the permittee on the land where the work is being done, and must meet the eligibility requirements of the 2008 Farm Bill for the Environmental Quality Incentives and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Programs. The same payment rates apply for both public and private land, and historically underserved, beginning and limited resource producers receive a higher percentage. All environmental clearances must be completed on public lands according to that agency's policies before practices can be installed. Producers pay for the cost of installing the approved practices and are reimbursed once the practices are installed according to NRCS specifications.

Interested producers should contact their local [NRCS](#), [BLM](#) or [FS](#) office for more information. Applications for financial assistance must be filed with the local NRCS office.

Selected Interest Rates for June 2010	
Farm Operating - Direct	3.125%
Farm Ownership - Direct	5.125%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility - 7 year	3.000%
Commodity Loans	1.375%
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%

### Important information!

If you are interested in becoming a member on the Southeastern NV Area County Committee please visit the Ely 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. 775-289-4990 x 101.

### 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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<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
June 1	Deadline for 2010 DCP sign up
June 15	All grain crops must be reported
June 15	Accepting COC Nominations
July 5	Office Closed – July 4 <sup>th</sup> Holiday
July 15	All other crops must be reported, this includes grazing land
Aug 2	Last day to file COC Nominations
Oct 31	Last day to buy 2011 NAP forage coverage
Dec 1	Last day to buy 2011 NAP grazing coverage
Dec 6	COC Election Ballots due

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