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Preventing Fraud

The FSA supports the Risk Management Agency in the prevention of fraud, waste and abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA assists RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse directly to RMA. Producers can report suspected cases to the FSA office.

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 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 the under-represented 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.

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

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.

Actively Engaged

FSA wants to remind producers about the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by FSA.

Normally the stockholder or a member of a legal entity must make contributions of active personal labor and/or active personal management for the farming operation. The contributions are to be performed on regular basis, must be identifiable, and separate from the contributions of others.

The exception to this rule for a stockholder or member of a legal entity only occurs if both of the following apply:

- At least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management; and
- The total direct payments received, both directly and indirectly, by the legal entity and each of the members doesn't exceed \$40,000.

Selected Interest Rates for August 2010	
Farm Operating - Direct	2.500%
Farm Ownership - Direct	4.625%
Limited Resource	5.000%
Farm Ownership - Down Pmt	1.500%
Emergency	3.750%
Farm Storage Facility - 7 year	2.500%
Commodity Loans	1.250%
90-Day Treasury Bill	0.125%

SURE Application Deadline

The **deadline** for 2008 SURE program pay-



ment applications is **COB September 30, 2010.**

There are no provisions for late-file applications. Applications **not** filed by **September 30, 2010**, regardless of the reasons why, will **not** receive a payment because of lack of funding.

Note: Applications **do not** have to be paid by **September 30, 2010.** However, the application **must** be filed by **September 30, 2010**, to be eligible for payment consideration.

Producers who do not apply for 2008 SURE program payments under the application process currently available through **September 30, 2010**, for whatever reason, will be considered to have **not** filed an application for 2008 SURE program payments. No other application period or signup will be announced or held for 2008 SURE program payments.



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**

USDA Announces Community Food Drive (Feds, Farmers and Friends Feed Families)

Reno, July 20 – The US Department of Agriculture and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada are conducting a community food drive through Aug. 31. The food drive is part of USDA's **Feds, Farmers and Friends Feed Families** national campaign, according to Liz Warner with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"We're trying to do our part to help feed the hungry and to help make it easy for anyone to make a donation," said Warner. Donations are welcome at any USDA office in Nevada. USDA offices are located in Reno, Carson City, Fallon, Minden, Lovelock, Yerington, Elko, Caliente, Las Vegas and Ely, and are typically open Mon. through Fri. from 8 am to 4 pm.



Donations of non-perishable items, especially canned meat, fish and nuts, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, baby formula and food, canned soup, canned stew, ravioli, chili, fruits and juices, spaghetti sauce, dry cereal, oatmeal, rice and pasta would be appreciated.

For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov> or the Northern Nevada Food Bank Web site at <http://www.fbnn.org>.

Help stamp out hunger. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada is a member of the Feed America – The Nation's Food Bank Network.



FEDS, FARMERS, AND FRIENDS FEED FAMILIES

Most Needed Items:

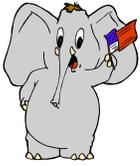
- CANNED MEAT, FISH AND NUTS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- MACARONI AND CHEESE
- POWDERED MILK
- BABY FORMULA AND FOOD
- CANNED SOUP
- CANNED STEW, RAVIOLI, CHILI
- CANNED FRUITS AND JUICES
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- DRY CEREAL, OATMEAL
- RICE AND PASTA

SORRY, NO PERISHABLE ITEMS, PRODUCTS WITH EXPIRED DATES, OR OPEN CONTAINERS.

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Dates to Remember	
Aug 2	Last day to file COC Nominations
Aug 18	COC Meeting – Ely FSA Office
Aug 30 – Sep 2	Office Closed – All staff State Training in Reno
Sep 6	Office Closed – Labor Day
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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