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**COUNTY COMMITTEE  
NOMINATIONS**

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency County Committees (COC) is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and USDA.

COC members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Those who serve on County Committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to ensure FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

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.

The COC nomination period runs from June 15 — August 1, 2012. For more information or to receive a nomination form, contact the FSA office

**FSA OFFICES DISCONTINUE  
MAILED NEWSLETTERS**

USDA Farm Service Agency offices are moving toward a “paperless” operation. Offices will be transitioning from mailing newsletters, reminder cards or other general information to electronic distribution of such materials. However, County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system which will provide notices, newsletters and reminders through electronic means. FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars.

Producers can subscribe to receive free e-mail updates at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe>. E-mail address can also be sent to Patty or Paulette at the e-mail address listed on the left side of this page. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST MAILED NEWSLETTER.** Limited paper copies will be available through the County Office if internet access is not available.

**CROP REPORTING**

The New Hampshire Farm Service Agency would like to remind producers of the new acreage reporting deadlines. New deadlines will become effective July 1, 2012 and are as follows:

- January 2 — Honey
- January 15 — Apples and Peaches
- February 15 — Maple Sap
- May 31 — Ornamental Nursery
- July 15 — Corn, Fresh Market Sweet Corn, Spring Forage Seeding, and All Other Crops
- November 15 — Perennial Forage, Fall Forage Seeding, Fall-Seeded Small Grains

Late-filed fees will not apply for crops reported starting July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Please contact FSA to submit your acreage reports, even if you think they may be late-filed.

Filing an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from many FSA programs.

**CRP & NAP Certification**

Conservation Reserve Program acreage must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for crops which benefits may be requested under Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must also be reported.

**Prevented Planting:**

Prevented planting is to be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failure to report prevented planting acreage could result in loss of benefits for the SURE program or possibly other disaster assistance programs.

**Failed Acreage:**

Reports of failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish to the satisfaction of the county committee that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO FILE  
YOUR ACREAGE REPORT.**



## NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

Production records for individual crops need to be filed at the FSA office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable or verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. We recommend producers submit production records as soon as harvest is complete. **All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date.**

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. Timely filing 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.

## PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

Anyone that plans to participate in 2012 programs is required to submit a completed CCC-902, CCC-926, and CCC-901, if applicable, for payment eligibility and payment limitation purposes.

All partners, stockholders or members with an ownership interest in the legal entity must make a contribution, whether compensated or **not** compensated, for active--\*

- personal labor,
- active personal management,
- or a combination of active personal labor and active personal management to the farming operation;

\***Note:** there are exceptions for spouses.

Additional information on payment limitations is available at FSA county offices or online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

## REMEMBER HAY NET

Producers are encouraged to use Hay Net on the FSA website (<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet>). This online service allows producers with hay and those who need hay to post ads so they can make connections. Hay Net is a popular site for farmers and ranchers who have an emergency need. Individual ads can be posted free of charge by producers who complete a simple online registration form the first time they use the site.

## USDA INVITES MINORITY PRODUCERS TO JOIN USDA MINORITY FARM REGISTER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) invites minority farmers and ranchers in New Hampshire and across the nation to voluntarily join the USDA Minority Farm Register to receive information and opportunities from USDA agencies.

The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool to reach underserved farmers and ranchers who may or may not be enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs. The Register is a shared outreach list that will help USDA, community-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions to communicate with minority farmers and ranchers.

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters, and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register.

Individuals wishing to join the Register must sign and date a form that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location will be voluntary, although the additional information increases the producer's opportunities for receiving timely assistance.

The Register pamphlet with the registration form is available at your local USDA Service Center or from approved USDA outreach partners. Visit the New Hampshire FSA website, [www.fsa.usda.gov/nh](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nh), to locate an FSA County Office near you.

Completed forms may be mailed to: USDA Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. FSA and USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach are jointly administering the Register. Registration forms are available in Spanish (AD-2035SP) and English (AD-2035) on the FSA web site ([www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)) under "Forms".

An individual may remove his or her name from the Register by writing to the Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

For more information, please contact the Farm Service Agency, STOP 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0503  
Call 1-866-538-2610; Fax: 1-866-302-1760;  
E-mail: [MSDA@USDA.gov](mailto:MSDA@USDA.gov)

## LOANS FOR THE SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating or help purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of a group.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

## BEGINNING AND LIMITED RESOURCE LOANS

FSA has a program to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these designated farm loan programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person who:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's median size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed.

For additional loan program information and a loan application, please contact the farm loan team at 603-223-6003 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)



## SODBUSTING

Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in FSA programs.

Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage before bringing land into production.

## DIRECT AND GUARANTEED FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

The Farm Service Agency is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. Those producers who are having trouble getting credit for their farm or who regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask a lender about an FSA loan guarantee to help with a setback or if a lender has been reluctant to extend or renew a loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans have a maximum limit of \$1,214,000. This makes the maximum combination of direct and guaranteed loan indebtedness \$1,514,000.

The one-time loan origination fee charged on FSA guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans has increased from 1 percent to 1.5 percent of the guaranteed portion of the loan.

To find out more about FSA loan programs, please contact the farm loan team at 603-223-6003.

## FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFLP) allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities.

The maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15%, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85% of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term may be different.

Payments are available in the form of a partial disbursement and the remaining final disbursement. The partial disbursement will be available after a portion of the construction has been completed. The final fund disbursement will be made when all construction is completed. The maximum amount of the partial disbursement will be 50% of the projected and approved total loan amount.

Applications for FSFL must be submitted to the FSA county office that maintains the farm's records. An FSFL must be approved before any site preparation or construction can begin.

For more information about FSFL please visit your FSA county office.



### NEW CONTINUOUS CRP INITIATIVE

FSA has announced a new conservation initiative to protect up to 750,000 acres of the nation's most highly erodible croplands. This initiative will assist producers with targeting their most highly erodible cropland (land with an erodibility index of 20 or greater) by enabling them to plant wildlife-friendly, long-term cover through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Producers can enroll land on a continuous basis beginning this summer at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. With the use of soil survey and geographic information system data, local FSA staff can quickly determine a producer's eligibility for the initiative.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp) for additional information regarding CRP.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4	Office Closed - Independence Day Holiday
July 16	Acreage reporting deadline for most crops See page one for additional crop deadlines
August 1	Last Day to file COC nomination form
September 3	Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday
October 1	Deadline to purchase NAP coverage on mixed forage, grass, and alfalfa

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOTIFY US OF  
ANY SIGNIFICANT WEATHER-RELATED  
LOSSES TO CROPS, LIVESTOCK,  
AND/OR BUILDINGS.**

