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County Committee Nominations for LAA 2

The COC nomination period runs from June 17, 2013 through Aug. 1, 2013. This year we will be electing a new representative for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2.

LAA 2 contains all of Middlesex County and extends across the Middlesex/Monmouth boundary line into central Monmouth County including all land north of Sweetmans Lane and Hwy 33, extending as far east as the Garden State Parkway. To see a map of our LAAs please visit our [State FSA Website](#).

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees 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 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers 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

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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.

[Click Here to download the Nomination Form for County Committee FSA-](#)

DCP Deadlines Approach

The sign-up period for DCP is still open. Producers are encouraged to sign up for DCP before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline.

[Read more about DCP](#) or contact the FSA county office for more information, or an appointment to enroll.

2012 Crop Production Records Due July 15, 2013

While the deadline to file and application for payment for the 2012 NAP program and to provide production for the 2012 crop year is July 15, 2013, **we are requesting that program participants provide their production no later than June 30, 2013** to allow time for our staff to complete and process the necessary your paper work.

Acreage Reporting Deadlines

The following are the deadlines for those farmers that report their acreage to FSA:

Nursery Crops for 2014 Crop Year - May 31, 2013

Spring Seeded Forage - June 15, 2013 (This year you will have until the next business day, June 17, 2013)

All Other Crops - July 15, 2013

Processing Beans and CRP - August 15, 2013

Christmas Trees, Sod, Cut Flowers for 2014 Crop Year - September 30, 2013

Farming Operation Changes and Reconstitutions

If you have bought or sold land, or you have added or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to the office as soon as possible. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties.

Update signature authorization when changes in the operation occur. Producers are reminded to contact the office of a change in operations on a farm so that records can be kept current and accurate.

When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more

persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Note-- Reconstitutions must be requested by August 1 of the FY for farms subject to DCP.

NAP Participants Must Report Losses Within 15 Days.

Producers with NAP coverage that suffered crop losses should report those losses as soon as possible. A Notice of Loss (NOL) 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. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must file a NOL within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. If filing for prevented planting, an acreage report and NOL must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.

To be eligible, NAP coverage must have been purchased by the applicable sales closing date and crop acreage must have been reported and certified prior to filing a notice of loss.

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