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County Committee

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County Committee meetings are generally held the first Thursday of the Month. All meeting dates and times are subject to chance.

2012 Acreage Reporting

Please **call now** to schedule an appointment to report the crops you have planted. **The deadline for most crops is July 16, 2012.** We would like to take reports earlier this year to try to beat the mad rush in July. So, if you have finished planting or will shortly, please schedule as soon as possible. Acreage reporting is required for NAP, CRP, CREP, SAFE, SURE, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, the DCP and ACRE programs and may be necessary for future crop disaster or market assistance programs which may arise.

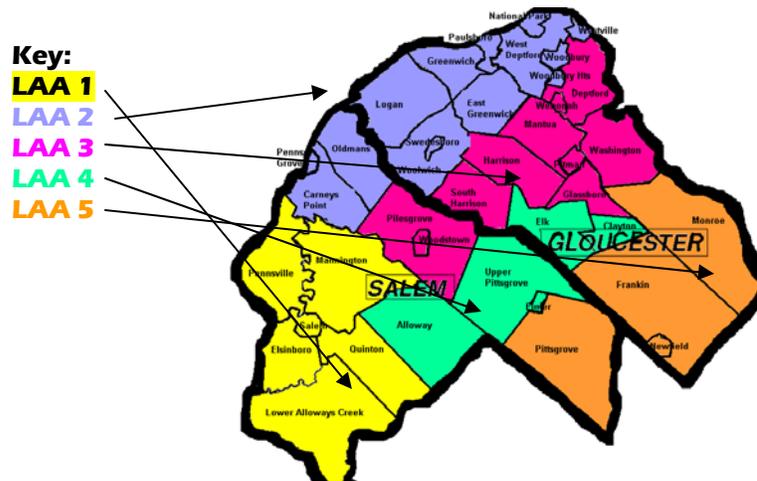
New Dates! –The new deadline to report 2012 Processing Beans is August 15, 2012. The new deadline to report **2013 Wheat, Barley, Perennial Forage, Fall Forage Seeding, and all other fall-seeded small grains is now November 15, 2012!** These new deadlines will now be in effect for future years to coincide with crop insurance deadlines.

County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency's local committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 3 and LAA 4. LAA 3 consists of Pilesgrove, South Harrison, Harrison, Mantua, Washington and Deptford townships. LAA 4 consists of Alloway, Upper Pittsgrove, Elk and Clayton. The farmer-elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help other producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs. The Farm Service Agency is now accepting nominating petitions until **August 1, 2012.** You may nominate yourself or someone you would like to represent you. Included for LAA 3 and LAA 4 eligible voters is a FSA-669A, Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election.

LAA County Boundary Map

Please call the office if you are unsure of your LAA number or if you are an eligible voter. Nomination forms must be in the Woodstown office or postmarked by **August 1, 2012.**



FSA-669A (02-22-12)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Farm Service Agency
<h2 style="margin: 0;">NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION</h2>	

1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)</i>	TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE	
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE	4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED	
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.	5. COUNTY 6. LAA 7. STATE	
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.	3B. DATE	8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: <i>If this nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the afore-named person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i> 8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR 8B. DATE <i>(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).</i>

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

Complete the form as follows:

- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
- ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
- ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B** The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 8A & 8B** The nominator must sign and date. *(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)*
- ITEM 9** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2012.

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246). The information will be used to obtain nominees for election to the County FSA Committee. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-6. Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility for nomination for election to the County FSA Committee.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal and civil fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 3. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

Note: Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 1, 2012.
- D. Signed and dated as a write-in candidate if elected as a member and willing to serve on the COC.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who is nominated on this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file a challenge.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

This is a non-salary public service position. A small stipend is provided to offset expenses.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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Dates to Remember

May 31, 2012—Final day to report small grain acreage

July 16, 2012 - Final day to report all other crop acreage

July 16, 2012 - Final day to submit 2011 production records for NAP

August 1, 2012 - Deadline to file a County Committee nominating petition

August 1, 2012 – Deadline to purchase 2013 NAP insurance on Strawberries

Continues — Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Reminder: please submit your **2011** crop production records by **July 16, 2012**, if you have not done so already. If not, your NAP coverage will be reduced. Also, when reporting your 2012 crop acreage, please review your acreage reports carefully. If your reported acreage is off by more than 15%, plus or minus, you will be **ineligible** for NAP benefits. Paid for measurement service is available. Please call if you have any questions.

Also, if you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss **within 15 calendar days** after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest or is handpicked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.**

Signup for 2013 coverage is currently underway. NAP applications are due at different times according to the crop being insured. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 for all crops per producer per county. Limited resource producers may request a waiver for service fees. To qualify for coverage, a producer must share in the risk of producing an eligible crop. 2013 NAP coverage closing dates that are approaching are as follows: **August 1, 2012** – Strawberries; **September 4, 2012** - Grass Sod, Fin fish, Christmas Trees; **October 1, 2012** - Clover, Grass hay, Mixed forages and Rye.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Sign up is underway for the National Water Quality Initiative in the Upper Cohansey, Upper Alloway Creek and Upper Salem watersheds until **June 15, 2012**. **Nutrient Management, erosion control, conservation tillage, pest management, cover crop, irrigation systems, animal waste systems, agrichemical handling facilities, roof runoff and buffer systems are just some of the practices being offered.** Financial assistance to share in the cost of these practices is available through EQIP. Please call NRCS for more info.

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