

Rio Arriba County FSA Newsletter



June/July 2009

Common Land Unit (CLU) Project

The Rio Arriba County office is over 50% complete, of mailing letters to producers who have farms registered in our office. Registered farms were previously placed on paper black and white aerial photos. Farms are being updated into our computer database known as CLU. When your letter is received, please review your farm boundaries of each field, and then notify the office of any changes within the 30 day time period. If you are no longer the owner or operator of the farm, please inform the office so that we can correct your farm records properly.

County Committee Election for 2010

Nominations are being accepted for Rio Arriba County Committee member in Local Administrative Area (LAA) C, currently held by Mariano Manzanaras. The nomination period is from June 15, 2009 through August 3, 2009. Farmers and Ranchers can nominate themselves or candidates eligible to serve by completing form FSA-669A. To be eligible to serve on an FSA County Committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eighteen years of age and reside in the local administrative area of Lindrith, Youngsville, Coyote, Mesa Poleo, Gallina, Regina, Llaves, Canones, Gobernador, and surrounding communities. If you are interested in nominating someone, please contact the office prior to the Aug 3, 2009.



Crop Certifications

Producers who have purchased crop insurance, Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) must certify 2009 crops, before July 15, 2009. Call the office to set up an appointment for certifying crops planted this crop year. Certify your crops timely, so you will not have to pay any late filed fees or become ineligible for farm programs.

New FSA Program Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE)

This program gives producers an opportunity on eligible farms to participate in ACRE. Producers who are currently growing wheat, barely, oats, grain sorghum, corn, upland cotton, rice, soybeans, oilseeds, peanuts, or pulse crops and are participating in the Direct Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) base acre farm are eligible. Producers have until August 14, 2009 to elect the farm for this program.

USDA Grants for Solar Power

Affordable solar is available to farmers, ranchers and small business entities. This program helps taxpayers get financial cost-share assistance in solar energy. For more information please call Veronica Vigil at 1-800-810-9939.

Office Closure

The Rio Arriba FSA County office will be closed on Friday July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday.



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Office Hours 7:00 – 5:00 Monday through Friday
Except Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30-5:00

Monthly Meeting is the First Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm

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