

Taos County FSA Newsletter



June/July 2009

Common Land Unit (CLU) Project

The Taos County office has mailed out letters to registered producers, from the paper black and white aerial photos into our CLU computer database. Letters mailed out to producers are being worked on, but due to staff shortages this process is not done quickly. If you have notified the office of your changes they will be corrected; however, I ask for your patience because correcting maps will take time to complete. Reminder to, please call the office before your trip to the office to make sure someone is here to assist you.

County Committee Election for 2010

Nominations are being accepted for Taos County Committee member in Local Administrative Area (LAA) A, currently held by Jerry Sanchez. . 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 Amalia, Cerro, Costilla, Questa, Sunshine Valley, Red River 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 Taos County FSA office will be closed on Friday July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday

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Jerry B. Sanchez, Member
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Office Hours 7:00 – 4:30 Tuesdays & Thursdays

Monthly Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am

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