



# Anson County Farm Service Agency

## Newsletter

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### FARM SERVICE AGENCY NOMINATING PETITIONS BEING MAILED

The Anson County Farm Service Agency Committee Election will be held this year for Local Administrative Area 1 (LAA 1). This area includes the communities of Ansonville and Burnsville townships.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a blank petition (FSA-669A) being mailed to all known eligible voters. Petitions may also be obtained from the county office.

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 committee member if they reside in the LAA 1 area and are eligible to vote. Robert D Ross is the current representative. Robert has served 3 terms (9 years), therefore he is ineligible for another term now.

To ensure diversity on the committee, the Anson County FSA encourages nominations from groups representing producers who are fairly representative of agricultural producers in each LAA and encourages nominations from socially disadvantaged groups.

Any interested persons who would like more information on the committee nominations and election process should contact the county office.

### **Important Election Dates:**

- June 15, 2008.....Nomination period begins
- Aug 1, 2008..... Last day to file a nomination form
- Nov 3, 2008..... Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- Dec 1, 2008 .....Last day to return voted ballots
- Jan 1, 2009 .....Elected member takes office

### CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

Producers are reminded to report their planted acreage to FSA. Crop reports must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. We have photographs, official acreages, and other records available to assist in making these reports. **June 30<sup>th</sup>** will be the last day reports can be accepted.

**All Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants must file acreage reports to be eligible for annual rental payments.**

Reports for failed acreage must be filed before disposition. Producer must be able to establish, to the satisfaction of County Committee, that it was due to a natural disaster condition.

### LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION

Applications are still being accepted for LCP due to the drought in 2007. Livestock eligible for LCP are adult beef and dairy cows or bulls; non-adult beef and dairy cows/bulls 500 lbs. or more on Jan. 1, 2007; adult buffalo or beefalo cows or bulls; non-adult buffalo or beefalo 500 lbs or more on Jan. 1, 2007; goats; sheep; pastured swine; pastured poultry; equine; elk; reindeer. (These animals are not eligible if wild or used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or show). Producers must have owned or cash leased eligible livestock and have suffered eligible forage feed loss from drought.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

### **FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS**

The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program provides low-interest financing for producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. FSA is authorized to implement the program through USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). The maximum amount a person is allowed to borrow is \$100,000.

#### **Cost of Obtaining a Loan:**

- applicants will be charged a nonrefundable \$45 application fee
- CCC will pay all collateral lien searches and recording fees for filing UCC-1
- applicants pay severance agreements, attorney fees, real estate lien search fees, and instrument filling fees
- applicants will be required to pay the cost of obtaining a title search/opinion or title insurance if loan is over \$50,000

#### **Some Eligibility Requirements:**

- satisfactory credit rating determined by CCC
- proof of multi-peril crop insurance
- possesses no delinquent non-tax federal debt
- compliance with highly erodible land and wetlands
- never been convicted of a controlled substance violation
- storage need based on borrower's three-year average
- produces corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, or other minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain/other than whole grain.

### **SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS**

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. A beginning farmer has operated a farm no more than 10 years and will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm. They agree to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training, financial management program. Producer does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Each member of an entity must also meet the eligibility requirements. The socially disadvantaged groups are Hispanics, American Indian, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and Women.

### **FARM RECONSTITUTIONS DESIGNATION BY LANDOWNER METHOD**

This method is the division of base acres in the manner agreed to by the parent farm owner and purchaser or transferee. This method may be used when any of the following apply:

- part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred
- an entire farm is sold to 2 or more persons
- farm ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons
- part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred
- a tract is sold to 2 or more persons
- tract ownership is transferred to 2 or more persons
- land sold or transferred must have been owned for at least 3 years
- owner of parent farm and purchaser shall file a MOU designating bases