

FSA-669A  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Farm Service Agency

**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION**

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE**

2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED

3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION:

*Thereby 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 DO want to witness the setting of tied votes with another nominee.*

*I DO NOT want to witness the setting of tied votes with another nominee.*

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

3B. DATE

8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

8B. DATE

Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.

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

**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 setting 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 2, 2010.**

**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 non-governmental entities that have been authorized access to information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Fournie Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personal Records, USDYRFS-46. 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. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Washington Headquarters Service, Paperwork Project (0142-0046), Washington, DC 20503. Return this completed form to your County FSA Office.



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Adams County FSA Office  
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Ritzville WA 99169-2118

May 2010

Dear Producer:

You are encouraged to nominate yourself or someone else to represent your interests on the Farm Service Agency County Committee. FSA county committees are a unique arrangement that allow local guidance for federal farm programs. These committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members are a critical component of ensuring FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. Committee members are compensated for their time and travel related to county committee duties.

The duties of county FSA committee members include:

- Monitoring changes in farm programs and assisting with delivery of FSA farm programs at the local level.
- Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs.
- Participating in county meetings and hearing producer appeals at the local county level.
- Notifying the State FSA Committee of LAA conditions.
- Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

This year, nominations are for a committee member to represent producers in Local Administrative Area (LAA) # 3. LAA # 3 is located in the southern 1/3 of the County; North boundary for this LAA is the line dividing Township 16 and 17 North (Providence Road, extended to the Whitman County line), East is the Whitman County line, South is the Franklin County line, and West is the Grant County line. Primary communities within the LAA include Othello and Washitona, and the surrounding areas. Please feel free to call the County Office for a more detailed description or a copy of the LAA map.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below:

- Actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch.
- Be eligible to vote in a county committee election. (Be of legal voting age and have an interest in a farm or ranch; not of legal voting age but supervises and conducts farming operations on an entire farm; participates in any FSA program.)
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate.

The nomination form FSA-669A allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. Each form submitted must be limited to one nominee and signed and dated by the nominee (Item 3A) to indicate a willingness to have their name placed on the ballot and agree to serve if elected. Item 8A reflects the nominator's signature and date. For detailed instructions on completing the nomination form or requesting a form, please contact your local county FSA office, or refer to the website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/kva>.

The deadline for nominations is **August 2, 2010**. Completed nomination forms are to be submitted to the county FSA address listed at the top of this letter and should be returned, delivered, or postmarked no later than August 2, 2010.

Sincerely,  
*/s/ Chris Holt*  
County Executive Director

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## ADAMS COUNTY FSA NEWS

### Adams County FSA

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### County Committee

Leroy Watson Jr., Chair  
Matt Miller, Vice Chair  
Greg Galbreath, Member  
Elizabeth Lyle, Advisor

### Office Staff

Chris Holt, CED  
Angela Melcher, PT  
Julie Cain, PT  
Karin Talkington, PT  
Elizabeth Sitton, PT  
Emily Kulm, Temp PT

### Farm Loan Staff

Libby Anderson FLM  
Nancy Segar FLO  
Grant County FSA Office  
Phone: (509) 754-2463

### Important Dates to Remember

#### May 31

Memorial Day office closure

#### June 1

DCP/ACRE signup ends

#### June 30

Crop reporting deadline

#### July 15

ACRE production report deadline



### DCP/ACRE Update

Producers operating farms with crop acreage bases established under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) may signup for the 2010 program at this time.

The Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program is an alternative to DCP participation. ACRE participants earn direct payments, but with a 20% reduction. Grain loan rates on ACRE-enrolled farms are also reduced by 30%. The benefit of ACRE is potential revenue protection payments on **planted crops** when market prices, state yields, and/or farm yields are below established guarantees. The opportunity to elect ACRE will be offered each year 2010-12, but once elected the decision is irrevocable through 2012. All producers on a farm must agree to the election.

The signup period ends on **June 1, 2010**, for enrolling farms in the 2010 DCP and ACRE programs. Late-filed applications cannot be accepted. Please contact the FSA office to make an appointment.

ACRE participants for 2009 must turn in yields for 2009 and previous years by **July 15, 2010**.

### Acreage Reporting Deadline

The acreage reporting deadline for most programs is **June 30, 2010**. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many FSA programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports are to be certified by the **June 30, 2010**.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by the earliest of these two options: 1) June 30, 2010, or 2) 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

### SURE Signup Continues

FSA continues to accept applications for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE). SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, producers are required to obtain crop insurance on all crops in all counties or, for crops for which insurance is not available, producers must participate in the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) except for grazed acreage. Coverage is not required for economically insignificant crops.

Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, and beginning farmers or ranchers are exempt from the risk management purchase requirement.

### Vacancy Announcement

FSA has 2 vacancies for paid interns in a two-year training program. Upon successful completion, the interns will be eligible for farm loan officer positions in Yakima and Ephrata. The position closes May 17, 2010. For more information, see the FSA website <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa> or contact Administrative Officer Jonna Provinsal 509-323-3007.