

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (Type or Print Nominee's Full Name)	4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED		
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE	5. COUNTY Garfield County AND Asotin County		
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 setting of tied votes with another nominee. <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT want to witness the setting of tied votes with another nominee.	6. LAA #1 #3 7. STATE Washington State		
3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	3B. DATE	8A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	8B. DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.		<i>If the nomination is by other than self, the following eligible voter or representative of a community based organization hereby nominates the aforementioned person to be a candidate in the next County FSA Committee election for the county.</i>	

9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE
(If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required.)

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)	SEX
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> White	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	

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 1, 2011.

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 the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Records Users 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 reviewing the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The instructions for this information collection are located in the collection of information that accompanies this form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Washington, DC 20503-2941 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Project (0142-0046). Send all requests for more information about this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Project (0142-0046).



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May 2011

Dear Producer:

You are encouraged to nominate your self 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:

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

This year, nominations are for a committee member to represent producers in Garfield County and Asotin County Local Administrative Areas (LAA). Please feel free to call the County Office for a more detailed description or a copy of the LAA maps.

Garfield County LAA #1 is the Northwest area of Garfield County. Chris Wolf is the current committee member. Asotin County LAA #3 is the Peda Community. Earl Fitzgerald is the current committee member.

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/wa>.

The deadline for nominations is August 1, 2011. 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 1, 2011.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gerry Nelson
County Executive Director



May 2011

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Garfield County FSA
Committee**

Diane Koller
Max Scoggin
Chris Wolf

**Asotin County FSA
Committee**

Earl Fitzgerald
Bruce Petty
Susie Appleford

Office Staff

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Houston Bruck – Farm Loan
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Phone: (509) 924-7350 Ext-108
Pam Castoldi – Walla Walla
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**Next FSA County
Committee Meetings**

Garfield County – May 17
Asotin County – May 18



New County Executive Director

The Garfield and Asotin County Committee would like to announce the hiring of a new County Executive Director. Jeremy Nelson was hired and began work on April 25, 2011. Jeremy has a background in production agriculture and is looking forward to meeting and serving the producers in both Garfield and Asotin County.

**Notice to Hispanic or Women
Farmers and Ranchers:
Compensation for Claims
Discrimination**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. You may be eligible if:

1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing from USDA during that period; and
2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
3. you believe these actions occurred because you are Hispanic or female.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims package, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or access the following website: www.farmerclaims.gov

2011 ACRE/DCP Deadline

The deadline to enroll in both the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) and the Direct and Counter-cyclical Programs (DCP) is **June 1, 2011**.

Acres Reporting Deadline

Acres reports are required under the 2008 Farm Bill to maintain eligibility for the DCP and ACRE programs, as well as CRP, NAP, SURE and most livestock disaster programs. Reports are also required for

commodity loan eligibility. **June 30, 2011**, is the final date to timely certify. Beyond that date, fees will be assessed for late-filed acreage reporting.

ACRE Production Deadline

Producers have until **July 15, 2011** to certify their 2010 ACRE production. Production amounts are used to calculate potential ACRE-ACRE payments and benchmark yields for future benefits. Failure to meet this deadline will require a refund of all 2010 payments and termination of the ACRE contract.

2009 SURE Sign up Deadline

The deadline for producers to submit applications for 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is **July 29, 2011**. The application, and all required documentation, must be on file and signed by close of business on that day.

NAP Deadline

For the 2012 crop year, **September 30, 2011**, is the application deadline for obtaining perennial grazing and forage crop coverage under the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

**Farm Changes and
Reconstitutions**

Any changes in your farm's physical makeup, such as adding or removing land, can impact your acreage bases. Farm reconstitutions must be requested by **August 1** to be effective for the 2011 program year. Requesting a farm reconstitution after signup could delay your payment, require refunds, or require the process to be completed again.

BUDGET CUTS: Due to budget cuts, this may be the last county newsletter for the fiscal year, ending **September 30, 2011**. Contact this office for more information.