



NEWSLETTER



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County Committee

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Office Staff

Martha Dorsey - CED
Julie Moldenhauer - PT

Farm Loan Staff

Jeff Peterson - SFLO
Ruth Wynn - FLPT

Next COC Meeting

Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

Dates to Remember

Acres Reporting Deadline:

June 30, 2012

County Committee Nomination Period Begins:

June 15, 2012

Last Day to File Nomination Forms at the Local FSA Office:

August 1, 2012

FSA Seeks Candidates for County Committee

The nomination period for this year's County Committee (COC) election will run from June 15 to August 1, 2012, with voting taking place this fall.

County Committees (COC's) are a vital link between the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and the farm community. They provide a voice to landowners, farmers and ranchers so that they have an opportunity for their opinions and ideas to be heard. Individuals that serve on the Local FSA COC apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions regarding producer appeals, commodity price support, conservation programs, disaster and emergency programs, and eligibility. The COC is also involved in personnel and general office administration. Members serve three year terms, and the Committee meets approximately once a month.

The COC draws its members from local administrative areas (LAA's) for the purpose of representation and voting. This year's election is for LAA number 4, which encompasses the Chehalis, Napavine, and Winlock area. The LAA runs north, south and west to the Lewis County line, and east, parallel to I-5 – approximately 5 miles out.

More information about the elections and nomination forms may be obtained from the local FSA office or the Farm Service Agency website –

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce>.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL's) are a source of low interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. On an ongoing basis, FSA will accept FSFL applications for the following crops:

- Corn, grain, sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds
- Pulse crops, lentils, small chickpeas and dry peas
- Hay
- Renewable biomass
- Fruit and vegetable cold storage facilities (CA cold storage facilities are ineligible)

A 15% cash down payment is required; thus the loan is limited to 85% of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment (subject to the applicant's storage needs test). Loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation borrows from the Treasury Department.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

The reporting deadline for all crops for the 2012 crop year is June 30, 2012. Producers are reminded for disaster/insurance coverage, to report any and all losses as they occur.

Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)

MILC payments for April 2012 milk production were processed in June at a rate of \$1.21096 per hundred weight of production. In order to receive payments, producers must have current eligibility paperwork completed. If you have any questions concerning payments, please contact our office.

Current and previous payment rate information is listed here and can also be found on our website at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=prsu&topic=mpp-mi>

Fiscal Year 2011/12

Mo.	BCI Price-\$ (16.94)	Pymt Rate- \$ (Before Adjust.)	NAD-FRC-\$ (7.35)	Adjust. Trigger	Final Pymt Rate Adj.for Feed Cost (\$/cwt)
Fiscal Year 2011					
Apr	22.68	0.0000	10.71	20.42	0.00000
May	23.00	0.0000	11.31	21.05	0.00000
Jun	23.57	0.0000	11.26	21.00	0.00000
Jul	24.28	0.0000	11.39	21.13	0.00000
Aug	24.68	0.0000	11.97	21.73	0.00000
Sep	25.03	0.0000	11.45	21.19	0.00000
Fiscal Year 2012					
Oct	22.81	0.0000	10.92	20.64	0.00000
Nov	21.70	0.0000	10.94	20.66	0.00000
DEC	21.72	0.0000	10.95	20.67	0.00000
Jan	22.05	0.0000	11.05	20.79	0.00000
Feb	20.28	0.0000	11.40	21.15	0.38950
Mar	19.55	0.0000	11.64	21.39	0.82624
Apr	18.91	0.0000	11.84	21.60	1.21096
May	19.10	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD
Jun	18.49	0.0000	TBD	TBD	TBD

Financing for Beginning Farmers and Socially Disadvantaged Applicants

FSA's loan programs are designed to help family farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain commercial credit. In many cases, these are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for commercial credit.

The law also requires FSA to reserve or target loan funds for exclusive use by beginning farmers. Funds remain targeted for beginning farmers in the guaranteed programs until April 1 of each year. In the direct programs, funds are targeted for beginning farmers until September 1 of each year. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who:

- has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years
- substantially participates in the operation
- for Farm Ownership loan purposes, does not own a farm greater than 30% of the average size farm in the county
- for Farm Ownership purposes, must have participated in the business operation of a farm for at least 3 years

Maximum amounts of indebtedness are \$300,000 for direct loans and \$1,214,000 (amount varies annually based on inflation) for guaranteed loans. FSA has a down payment program to assist beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged applicants to purchase a farm or ranch. This program also provides a means for retiring farmers and ranchers to transfer their land to a future generation. Eligible beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged applicants are given first priority to purchase FSA acquired properties. For more information about FSA loan programs, contact Jeff Peterson at 360-748-0083.