

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) _____

2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

5. COUNTY _____
6. LAA _____
7. STATE _____
8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION: _____

3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION: _____
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.

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE _____ 3B. DATE _____

3B. DATE _____ 3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____ 3B. DATE _____

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"/> 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 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171). The information collected for 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 Privacy Laws identified in the System of Records Notice for County Personnel Records, USDA/FSA-5. 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. The provisions of 50 USC 552a are not required to complete this information collection. Send comments regarding this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Washington Headquarters Service, Paperwork Project (0142-0046), Washington, DC 20503.



United States Department of Agriculture
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
Shoshomish County FSA (N. Puget Sound)
528 91st Ave, NE Ste. B
Lake Stevens, WA 98258-2538

May 2011

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:

- 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 North Puget Sound Area in Local Administrative Areas (LAA) #3 and #4. Please feel free to call the FSA County Office for a more detailed description or a copy of the LAA maps.

LAA #3 includes all of N. King County from Interstate 90 to the Snohomish County Line.

LAA #4 includes all of Clallam County.

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-689A 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/ Melissa Michael
County Executive Director



May 2011

North Puget Sound Area

Office Staff

Melissa Michael, CED
Holly Hedblom, PT
Naomi Devlin, PT

Farm Loan Staff

Mark Turner (360) 354-5658 ext 2
mark.turner@wa.usda.gov

Office Hours

Weekdays – 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

E-mail us at:

melissa.michael@wa.usda.gov
holly.hedblom@wa.usda.gov
naomi.devlin@wa.usda.gov

Dates to Remember

4/25-6/13 ECP signup period

6/1 –DCP signup ends

6/30 – Acreage reporting deadline

7/29 – 2009 SURE signup
deadline

8/1 – COC Nomination deadline

2011 Area Committee:

Meetings scheduled for 3rd

Thursday of each month at 10:00
a.m.

Troy Smith	Chair
Jason Roetcisoender	V Chair
Dan Bartelheimer	Member
John Gunning	Member
Rick Williams	Member
Linda Neunzig	Advisor
Yeng Cha	Advisor
Jay Cha	Advisor

Websites:

National USDA

<http://www.usda.gov>

National FSA

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>

Washington State FSA

<http://www.usda.gov/wa>



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**.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

Acreage 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 to 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.

Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)

Those landowners in the **Stillaguamish Watershed** that suffered farmland damage due to December 2010 flooding can contact the county office with information regarding losses. A signup period for those losses began **April 25, 2011** and will continue through close of business **June 13, 2011**.

The ECP provides up to 75% cost share to a limit of 50% of the agricultural value of the affected land, for restoration to pre-disaster conditions of farmland, permanent fencing, and conservation structures such as culverts and ditches that directly affect the productivity of the land.

Producers should gather documentation including photos and invoices to prepare for an appointment. Please call the office at **425-334-3131 ext 2** for more information or to schedule an appointment to complete FSA-848, Cost-Share Request.

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.

A fact sheet with more detailed information is available on the FSA website. Maps of disaster designations by county are on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/wa. For more information, contact this office.

BUDGET CUTS: Due to budget cuts, this may be the last county newsletter for the fiscal year, ending **September 30, 2011**. County offices may also not have the funds necessary to print field maps. Producers are encouraged to contact this office for program deadlines and other information.