

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:

5. COUNTY  
Spokane and Pend Oreille

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

6. LAA #3 #5

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

7. STATE  
Washington

3A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

8. NOMINATOR'S CERTIFICATION:

3B. DATE

9A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

3C. DATE

9B. DATE

Check here if nominee is a write-in candidate.

*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)

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

- Male
- Female

**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 settling 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 laws identified in the System of Records Notice for County FSA Form FSA-669A. 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 0560-0226. 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 provision of appropriate criminal and civil penalties, and other sanctions may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.



United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services  
Spokane County FSA Office  
8815 E Mission Ave Ste B  
Spokane Valley WA 99212-5039

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 Spokane County and Pend Oreille 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.

LAA #3 is known as southeast Spokane County and lies between these boundaries: Starts at the Whitman County Line on the south moves east to the Idaho State Line on the east and intersects with I-90 as the northern line. The western boundary is the Pullman/Coltax highway.

LAA #5 is basically all of northern Pend Oreille County and includes everything north of Dalkeena due east 4 miles turning due north to South Skookum Lake and then due east to the Idaho State Line.

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/via>

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/ Randy Purner  
County Executive Director



**Spokane Pend Oreille  
County FSA**

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Spokane Valley, WA 99212  
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Pend Oreille County Producers  
for which 447 is a local call can  
dial 447-4216 for a toll free  
call.

**Office Hours**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**County Committee**

Jim Ryan, Chair  
Charlotte Yergens, Vice-Chair  
Regina Clausen, Member  
Louise (Lou) McLam, Member  
Larry Cordes, Member

**Office Staff**

Randy L. Primmer, CED  
Lorri Anderson, PT  
Kay Kjack, PT  
Betty Diedesch, PT  
Dave Olson, PT  
Connie Klein, Temp

**Farm Loan Staff**

Houston Bruck, FLM  
Chris Sletager, FLO  
JoAnne Krupke, FLT

**Important Dates to  
Remember**

**May 30**

Memorial Day office closure

**June 1**

DCP/ACRE signup ends

**June 30**

Crop reporting deadline

**July 15**

ACRE production report  
deadline



**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](http://www.farmerclaims.gov).

**2011 ACRE/DCP Signup 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**. Please call for an appointment.

**Crop Acreage Reporting Deadline**

The acreage reporting deadline is **June 30, 2011**. 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. Crop reports are required for most programs.

**2010 ACRE Production July 15, 2011  
Deadline**

Producers enrolled in ACRE are required to provide their production for all covered commodities on ACRE farms on FSA-658 by **July 15, 2011**. We must load and calculate the 2010 farm bench mark yield as well as the actual yields, by the July 15, 2011 deadline. Failure to turn in this production violates your 2010 contract and will result in termination of the 2010 contract.

**2009 SURE Sign up Deadline**

The application deadline for the 2009 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is July 29, 2011. SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disasters that occurred in crop year 2009. To be eligible, you must have purchased Federal Crop Insurance for all insurable crops of economic significance. For those crops not insurable, you must purchase NAP insurance. Call for an appointment.

**Farm Changes and Reconstitutions**

Any changes in your farm's physical makeup, such as adding or removing land can impact your acreage base. Farm reconstitutions must be requested by **August 1, 2011** to be effective for 2011. Requesting a farm reconstitution after sign up will require the sign up process to be repeated and may require monies to be refunded.

**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.**

**FSA's website for Washington State is [www.fsa.usda.gov/wa](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wa). E-mail is a good method of communications and your e-mail address can be added to our records.**