



United States
Department
of Agriculture

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

Stevens County FSA Office
232 Williams Lake Rd.
Conville, WA 99114-9689

Stevens County FSA Office
232 Williams Lake Rd.
Conville, WA 99114-9689

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 Stevens County Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3. Please feel free to call the County Office for a more detailed description or a copy of the LAA map.

LAA #3 is located Bluecreek south, covering Chewelah, Valley, Springdale, Loon Lake, Clayton, and Tum Tum farming communities.

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 initialed 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/wla>.

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/ Marty Cunningham
County Executive Director

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			
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. <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.		
4. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE RECEIVED			
5. COUNTY	6A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR	7. STATE	8B. DATE
5. COUNTY SLEWEE		7. STATE WA	
6. LAA	9. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE (If the individual is self nominating, no signature is required).		
6. LAA #3			

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"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> 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 setting of tied votes.
- ITEMS 3A & 3B The nominee must sign and date.
- ITEMS 6A & 6B 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 persons of appropriate criminal and civil record, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided. **RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.**



**Stevens County
Farm Service Agency**

May 2011

232 Williams Lake Road
Colville, WA 99114-9638
(509) 685-0858
(509) 684-1982 Fax

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

County Executive Director
Martin A. Cunningham

Office Staff
Lisa M. VanQuekelberg, PT

Farm Loan Manager
Houston Bruck
Spokane County Office
(509) 924-7350, ext. 108

County Committee
Doug Falstad - Chair
Bruce Stumpf - Vice Chair.
Ryan Esvelt - Reg. Member
Gayla McCanna - Advisor

Web Sites
National:
www.fsa.usda.gov
WA State:
www.fsa.usda.gov/wa

**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



DCP Deadline June 1, 2011

The deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) is **June 1, 2011**. Signed contracts must be returned by this date.

Please call and schedule an appointment to apply for this program.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

Acreage reports are required under the 2008 Farm Bill to maintain eligibility for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical program, CRP, NAP, SURE and most livestock disaster programs. Reports are also required for commodity Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments. **June 30, 2011**, is the final date to timely certify. Beyond that date, fees will be assessed for late-filed acreage reporting. Seeding dates are required to be recorded as part of the acreage reporting process.

Please schedule an appointment to report your acreage when seeding is completed.

KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST SIGN CONTRACTS AND REPORT YOUR ACREAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN DCP.

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.

**Farm Changes and
Reconstitutions**

Any changes in your farm's physical make-up, such as adding or removing land,

can impact your acreage base. Farm reconstitutions must be requested by **August 1** to be effective for the 2011 program year. Your farm must comply with program requirements as the operation is currently structured, including required signatures and acreage reporting. Requesting a farm reconstitution after signup could delay your payment, require refunds, or require the process to be completed again.

**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.

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