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# Platte County News

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## FSA County Committee Nominations for 2010



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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
David Hinman  
Darrel Vaughn  
Britt Wilson  
Ruth Cundall

**Staff**  
Mike Hoffland DD  
Rick Carroll CED  
Dixie Mount FLO  
Celia Herman PT  
Mitzi Mudgett PT  
Joni Reyes PT

From June 15, 2010-the nomination period begins through Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Farmers and ranchers may nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Platte County Farm Service Agency County Committee. LAA-3 is up the election this year. LAA-3 covers the Chugwater, Slater, and East Wheatland areas.

August 2, 2010-Last day to file nomination forms at the local USDA Service Center. The form that you will need to fill out is FSA-669A. Producers may nominate someone that is willing to serve or may nominate themselves. Additionally, organizations representing minority, women farmers or socially disadvantage may nominate candidates.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, or postmarked by midnight Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. 2010.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements:

- Be a producer with an interest in a farming or ranching operation
- Participate or cooperative in any FSA program provided for by law
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be of legal voting age
- Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate
- Not have been:
  - Removed or disqualified from the office of county committee member, alternate or employee
  - Remove for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement or any other felony
  - Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

For further information about the county committee elections, contact the Platte County FSA office.



## Annual Crop Reports

Platte County is taking annual crop reports. Reports to include DCP, CRP, NAP, Price Support to include LDP and MAL's Disaster Payments to include Sure, LFP, ELAP. The Deadline to report acreages on all crops is **Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**.

Also applicable to crop reporting are: **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.**

## Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

### NAP Coverage Deadlines

Be sure to contact your local FSA office for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) filing deadlines for your crops. **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 is the Deadline for Actual Crop Production for (APH) purposes.**

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 is the Deadline for Crop reporting on NAP acreages.**

## Timely Filing of Loss

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and prevented planting and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. Timely filing a Notice of Loss is required on for All Crops Including Grasses. **Failed acreage-must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.** For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) and crop insurance, you must file a **CCC-576 (Notice of Loss) in the FSA County Office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when loss becomes apparent.**

If filing for **Prevented Planting**, an acreage report and **CCC-576 must be filed within 15 calendar days of the final planting date for the crop.**

## Weed Control on CRP

Producers just a reminder that weeds need to be controlled on your CRP contract acres. The County Committee has set the date of **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010** to have weeds sprayed by commercial sprayers, Weed and Pest, or your own equipment. You will need to notify the County Office when the spraying has been done. You may provide invoices for chemicals you have purchased, receipts from commercial applicators or the Weed and Pest. Producers must be in compliance with the State Noxious weed laws as determined by State or Local Noxious weed commission. Producers must be sure all undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects, rodents, etc, that pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area.

## Direct and Guaranteed Loans

FSA is committed to providing family farmers with loans to meet their farm credit needs. If you are having trouble getting the credit you need for your farm, or regularly borrow from FSA, direct and guaranteed loans are currently available.

Ask your lender about an FSA loan guarantee if you've had a setback and your lender is reluctant to extend or renew your loan.

Farm ownership loans or farm operating loans may be obtained as direct loans for a maximum of up to \$300,000. Guaranteed loans can reach a maximum indebtedness of \$1,112,000. Producers are encouraged to apply early so that a loan can be processed and funded in a timely manner.

FSA employees will help you complete the necessary application and other forms, and help you understand

what information is required, where to find it or who to contact to get it. To find out more about FSA loan programs, contact the county office staff.

## **SURE-Supplemental Disaster Assistance Programs**

*SURE provides benefits for farm revenue losses due to natural disaster that occurred in the crop years 2008 through September 30, 2011. To be eligible for SURE payments, a producer is required to:*

To be eligible for these programs, producers must purchase at least catastrophic risk protection (CAT) level of crop insurance for all insurable crops and/or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops under SURE, TAP, and ELAP.

Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, or Beginning Farmer or Rancher are exempt from this risk management purchase requirement.

The following are the conditions that trigger SURE payments:

- at least one crop of economic significance must suffer a 10% production loss due to an eligible disaster condition. A crop of economic significance is a crop that has contributed or would have contributed at least 5% or more of the total expected revenue from all crops on the farm
- producers in counties declared disaster counties by the Secretary of Agriculture, or in contiguous counties, or those who show proof of a loss of at least 50% for their farm are eligible to receive SURE payments for crop production or crop quality losses. Losses are measured based on whole-farm revenue, which includes crop insurance indemnities and commodity program payments, so that producers are not paid more than once for the same loss.

## **CRP Participants Provisions**

USDA has made provisions for CRP participants to lease land for Gas, Oil, or Mineral Rights Exploration. Before you as a producer engage in the exploration or leases you need to contact the County Office because there are specific guidelines that you are required to follow.

In the case of Wind Turbines County Committee may authorize the installation of windmills, wind turbines, and wind monitoring towers or other wind-powered generation equipment on CRP acreage on a case by case basis. You will need to contact the County Office to be to get the specific guidelines that you are required to follow.

## **General CRP Signup**

**There will be a General Signup this summer. But the date for the signup has not been announced.**

## **Transition Incentives Program (TIP)**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amendments to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$25 million for the voluntary transition of land enrolled under an expiring CRP contract from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a beginning or SDA farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

Producers if you are interested in this program you may contact the FSA office for further information.

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***IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER***

July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	Final Date NAP Production for APH Yields
July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	Final Date To Report Crop Acreages For All Crops + NAP Crop Acreages
July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	Weed Spraying on CRP Deadline July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2010
July 5, 2010	Monday July 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 Independence Day Office Closed
August 2, 2010	Final Date for FSA-669A's to be Post Marked for COC Nominations
Continues	Continuous CRP sign up
Continues	Farm Stored Facility Loan Program

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