

Colfax County News

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County Committee Election

The election of agricultural producers to Farm Service Agency county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers with small or large operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members are a crucial component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs their counties offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of the local producers. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws. Committee members apply their judgment and knowledge to make local decisions. Agricultural producers of any age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote. Ballots will be mailed out to producers by November 3, 2006 and must be returned to the county office or postmarked by December 4, 2006. Please return your ballots as soon as possible. This year's election is for LAA #3. The candidates this year are Gary Shaw and Nikki Hooser.

Application Closing Dates

January 31	March 15	September 30
Alfalfa	Sorghum	Barley
Mixed Forage		Oats
Grass		Wheat

Please remember that these are the closing dates for the NAP coverage and that there are no late filed privileges. **You may purchase coverage for any crops at this time.** Remember that crop coverage is \$100 for each crop with a maximum of \$300 per producer per administrative county not to exceed \$900 per producer. All fees are not refundable.

Nap Continuous Coverage

If you have received your NAP continuous coverage letter, you may apply for coverage for 2007 by simply sending your check for the amount specified in your letter, and you will be issued the same coverage as you had the previous year. You don't even have to come into the office and sign forms. Purchase now so you won't have to worry about forgetting or last minute rushes.

Reporting Production

Please bring in your acceptable records of production as soon as you have finished harvesting your crops. Producers are responsible for reporting production on all NAP crops. If you do not report your production, your yields will be lowered and this will reflect on any applicable NAP payments. Continuity of records is required when calculating an approved yield. The records must be consecutive, without breaks.

Monthly County Committee Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the FSA Office. The office is located in the Federal Building on the second floor room 203. The meetings begin at 1:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are 1-2 hours long.

Office Holidays

This office will be closed on October 9, 2006 in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on October 10, 2006. Have a safe holiday.

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