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**HOURS**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE**  
GARY MOSS  
SHIRLEY POPP  
MITCHELL BAALMAN

**COMMITTEE MEETS**  
2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH AT 9:00  
AM

**STAFF**  
MICHEALE DEWEY, CED  
DOROTHY HEIM, PT  
SUZIE NEWELL, PT  
JULIE REITCHECK, PT  
RALPH WEIS, FIELD  
LEROY REITCHECK,  
FIELD

**FARM LOAN MANAGER**  
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Special accommodations will be made for the physically handicapped, the vision impaired or the hearing impaired. If accommodations are required, please contact Micheale Dewey, CED at (785) 675-3591.

### New Employees

For those of you that haven't been in the office lately, we have had a few staff changes.

Suzie Newell. She has been with FSA since July of 2008 as a temp. She became a permanent employee as of February 2009. Her programs include DCP/ACRE, Payment Limitation, Price Support, NAP and all of the disaster programs.

Julie (McCoy) Reitcheck also is a new program technician in our office. Julie started her duties in July of 2009. She is in charge of all of the administrative programs, the automation programs and the Conservation Reserve Program.

Make sure you introduce yourselves to both lady's next time you are in.

### 2010 County Committee Election Results

This year Area 2 was up for election. Mitchell Baalman was re-elected to his position. The term is for 3 years and will start in January of 2010.

### Signup & Certification

In an attempt to get all producers signed up & certified in a timely manner and reduce the time you actually spend waiting in our office you will have Packets that you will need to pick up at our office. We have some ready now and the rest should be completed in January. Enclosed in the packets are your maps of each Tract you Operate. Each Tract has its own map and its own Tract Description sheet. You will have to make sure you MARK all crops/acres on every tract. It is your responsibility to report all of your crops you currently have planted. Current crops needing reported included small grain crops such as Wheat, Barley, Oats, Triticale, Rye, Millet, Alfalfa, and all of your Grass. On the enclosed maps you need to use a marker or pen so we can easily read what you write. Outline the acres/crops which you are reporting. On EVERY field/subfield you outline, you MUST write the following:

- Crop
- Variety of crop (such as HRW for Hard Red Winter wheat)
- Intended Use
- Planting Date
- Irrigated or Non-irrigated (Irr or NI)

- List every individual/entity that receives a share of the crop
- And their Share

When you have your maps COMPLETED please return them to our office and schedule an appointment to review the information we have entered into the computer system and sign the certification. Deadline for small crop certification is May 31, 2010, but the sooner you get them to us the better.

### Commodity Loans

If you are in need of a loan for your expenses, consider getting a crop loan here in our office. The loan rates are:

- Corn - \$1.95 bu
- Sorghum - \$3.23 cwt
- Soybean - 4.68 bu
- Sunflowers - \$10.42 lb

The interest rate for these loans varies each month. December interest rate is: 1.375%

### Farm Storage Facility Loans

We have available low interest loan for additional Farm Storage for your farm. We can loan up to \$500,000 for a 85% loan. We have 3 rates depending on the size of your loan.

Up to \$100,000 - repayment would be 7 years at 3.0%

\$100,000 - \$250,000 - repayment would be 7 years at 3.0% or 10 years at 3.5%

\$250,000 - \$500,000 - repayment would be 7 years at 3.0%, 10 years at 3.5% or 12 years at 3.75%

These rates also vary month to month. The above are the rates for December.



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## **2010 DCP Signup**

Enrollment for the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) has begun and will continue through June 1, 2010.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2010, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment. We will issue advance direct payments, if requested. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

## **The ACRE Option**

The optional ACRE Program provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield

and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For 2010, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. The difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield. The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is ***Irrevocable***. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

June 1, 2010 is the deadline for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

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## **Report your 2010 Farm Operation Changes**

And, as always, report the following as soon as possible: 1) Owner, Operator and/or address changes, 2) Creation of, or changes to, entities, trusts, etc., 3) Changes to your bank account information on file in our office for direct deposit purposes.

## **Direct & Guaranteed Loans**

FSA is agriculture's lender of first and continuing opportunity. We make farm operating and farm ownership loans directly to borrowers. We also guarantee loans made by commercial lenders. We specialize in loans to beginning farmers with less than 10 years in farming, social disadvantaged (women & minorities), rural youth, and to long established farmers and ranchers in need of continuing FSA assistance. Contact our Farm Loan office in Hill City 785-421-2115 for more information.

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