



Douglas County FSA News

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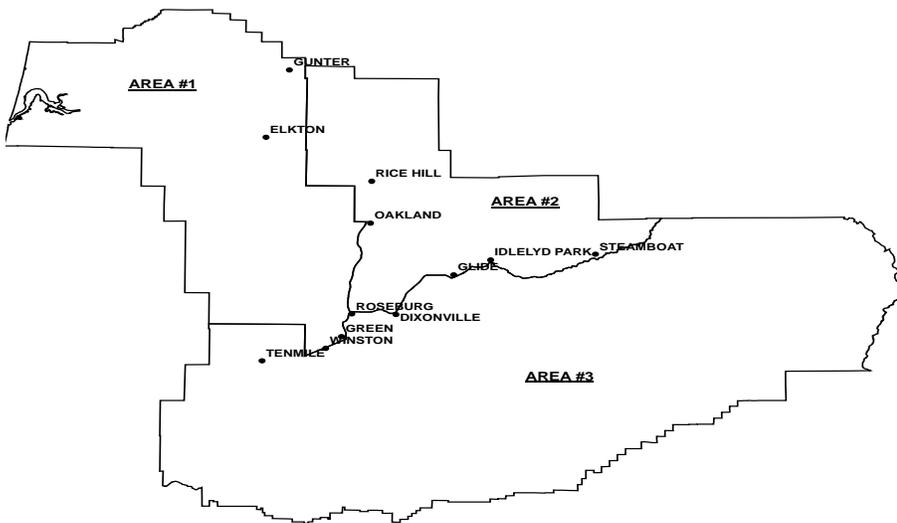
August 2009

Upcoming Dates to Remember

August 3rd Last day to submit County Committee Election Nomination Forms
August 14th Last day to sign up for Direct & Counter-cyclical program.
August 19th, 7:00 am FSA Elections and Program Informational Meeting, at FSA Office
August 20th, 5:00 pm FSA Elections and Program Informational Meeting, at FSA Office

NOMINATIONS FOR FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTION

Nominations are being accepted **until August 3, 2009** for the Douglas County FSA Committee election being held this November. For FSA elections Douglas County is identified by 3 voting areas as identified on the map below. The area up for election this year is area #3. Currently, Gerald Briggs is the member serving area #3. Three positions are being filled: 1 regular member and 2 alternates.



Elected individuals serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2010. Typically members meet as often as once a month and they are reimbursed for their time and travel. Duties that Committee members are involved in include the following: Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office, Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs, Monitoring changes in farm programs, participating in county meetings as necessary, performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

The enclosed **Nomination Form** allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate from Area #3. If additional forms are needed, this one may be

copied or another may be obtained at the County FSA Office, return completed forms to Douglas FSA 2440 NW Troost St Suite 201 Roseburg, OR 97471. Persons nominated should be actively participating in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

There will be 2 informational meetings to explain what the County Committee and FSA is all about: August 19th at 7:00 am and August 20th at 5:00 pm. Both will be held at the Farm Service Agency Office.

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Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or print Nominee's Full Name)</i>		TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE		
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <i>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.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>		5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>
		6A. COUNTY
		6B. LAA NO.
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE		7. STATE
4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>		DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR

8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

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)	GENDER
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White	<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 settling of tied votes.

ITEM 4 The nominee must sign and date.

ITEM 8 Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 3.

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for 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 maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL ADVANTAGES

Do you wish to receive the newsletter by email? Please contact Andy at 541-673-6071 extension 104 or by email at andrew.schmidt@or.usda.gov and you will be emailed the newsletter. This is another great way to get updates when it is not possible to publish a newsletter. In the future it is likely you will see fewer newsletters because of the rising costs of sending newsletters and the declining operating budget of the agency at a national level.

DO YOU NEED HAY OR HAVE HAY FOR SALE?

The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) electronic Hay Net Ad Service is an Internet-based service allowing farmers and ranchers to share 'Need Hay' ads and 'Have Hay' ads online. Check it out at www.fsa.usda.gov and go to ONLINE SERVICES at the top of the page and then select HAY NET.

LIVESTOCK RISK PROTECTION (LRP) PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

LRP insurance plans include Fed Cattle, Feeder Cattle and Swine.

LRP coverage protects the policyholder **from downward price risk** during the insurance period. It does not cover any other peril (e.g., mortality, condemnation, physical damage, disease, individual marketing decisions, local price deviations or any other cause of loss).

There are two steps to buy LRP coverage: 1) producers must submit an application. Once the application is approved, the livestock crop insurance provider will assign a policy number; and 2) the producer activates coverage at any time by applying for a Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE). No insurance coverage is provided until the producer submits an SCE. Insurance will attach immediately when RMA confirms the SCE has been accepted.

Sales for the 2010 crop year will begin July 1, 2009 and continue through June 30, 2010 (or until the maximum underwriting capacity (as established by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation) is reached). Cattle and swine producers are encouraged to contact a local livestock insurance agent to learn additional details. Federal crop insurance program policies are sold and delivered solely through private crop and livestock insurance companies. A list of livestock crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers throughout the U.S. or at the RMA Web site address: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents>

OTHER FINANCING AVAILABLE TO U.S FARMERS AND RANCHERS THROUGH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

AMERICA'S RECOVERY CAPITAL (ARC) LOAN PROGRAM loans are available to viable, for-profit small businesses in the U.S. that have qualifying small business loans and are experiencing immediate financial hardship.

Your small business must be an established business, have financial statements demonstrating it was profitable in one of the past two years, and be able to project sufficient cash flow to meet current and future loan payments over a two-year period from loan approval. If your business does not meet these criteria, you can discuss your eligibility with your lender. **ARC loans are not designed for start-up businesses.**

Examples of qualifying loans may include credit card obligations for your business, capital leases, notes payable to vendors/suppliers, Development Company Loan Program (504) first lien loans, other loans to small businesses made without an SBA guaranty, and loans made by or with an SBA guaranty on or after Feb. 17, 2009.

ARC loans are designed to help businesses experiencing immediate financial hardship for reasons such as: Loss/reduction of customer base, Increase in cost of doing business, Loss/reduction of working capital and/or loss/reduction of short term credit facilities, Inability to restructure existing debts due to credit restrictions, Loss/reduction of employees (intellectual capital), Loss/reduction of major suppliers (major suppliers out of business)

For more information go online at www.sba.gov or call the SBA at (503) 326-2682.

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Attention: Agricultural group members and leaders. Do you want FSA to come to your meeting and talk about what FSA has to offer you? If so contact Andrew Schmidt at 541-673-6071 extension 104 or by email at andrew.schmidt@or.usda.gov

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