

June 2007

**El Paso- Park- Teller
FSA County Office**

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Colorado Springs Service Center
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Hours

Monday-Friday, except Holidays
8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

County Committee Members

El Paso, Park, & Teller Counties
Chairperson John Welty
Vice-Chairman Howard Stone
1st Alternate Albert Snare
Regular Member George Evanoika
1st Alternate Raymond Tukua
Regular Member Randy Myers
Regular Member Delene DeGroot
1st Alternate Dixie Boyer

Staff

Susan K. Ibsen.....County Executive Director
Johanna Reed.....Program Technician
Cheryl Bridge.....Farm Loan Officer
(3rd Tuesday of the Month)

Regular Meeting Schedule

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Internet Connections

Farm Service Agency
www.fsa.usda.gov

Natural Resources Conservation Service
www.nrcs.usda.gov

USDA On-line Services
www.sc.egov.usda.gov/index.html



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FSA News Roundup**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – NOMINATE & VOTE

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

From June 15 through Aug. 1, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the El Paso-Park-Teller County Farm Service Agency County Committee (COC). Terms expiring are in Local Administrative Areas (LAA) 1, Randy Myers; (LAA) 2, Howard Stone; and (LAA) 5, Delene DeGroot.

The COC nomination period is an important time for the community because county committee members make federal farm program delivery decisions that significantly affect producers and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

For example, committee members make decisions on applications for disaster assistance. Committee members play a vital role in helping local farmers and ranchers weather tough financial times and natural disasters.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

Voting for COC nominees takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 2nd. Dec. 3rd is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2008.

OTHER IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- **July 16th** Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance (NAP) crop production records for 2006 must be reported & documented on form CCC-452, Actual Production History
- **July 16th** 2007 Acreage Reporting of hay, graze, crop, & CRP and documented on form FSA-578, Acreage Report
- **August 1st** Request for Farm Reconstitutions for 2007
- **August 3rd** Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) Signup
- **September 1st** NAP policy for Rye, Triticale, & value loss crop