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Reminders

A husband or wife can sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and CCC programs in which either has an interest, unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office

County Committee Election Nominations

From June 15, through, Aug. 1, farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible peers as candidates for election to the Granville County Farm Service Agency County Committee.

This is an important time for Local Administrative Area (LAA) communities, because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

For example, committee members make decisions on applications for federal farm program and disaster payments. Committee members play a vital role by helping local farmers and ranchers manage tough financial times and natural disasters. County committee members make many other important decisions that affect local farmers and ranchers, such as whether haying and grazing should be allowed on Conservation Reserve Program land. Talk to a county committee member or the County Executive Director for details on the types of decisions county committee members make.

To hold office as a county committee, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination form are attached or can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

The nominations will be for LAA 1 which consists of the following townships: Brassfield, Dutchville and Fishing Creek. The nominee must be from LAA 1, but any individual can submit a nomination. More information is provided on the nomination form.

DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Many of you have crop acreage allocated to your farm. **If you have not been signing up yearly in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP), then you are turning down money!** With our last farm bill which is in effect until the end of crop-year 2007, crop acreage bases enrolled in the DCP could be worth an annual payment. Other required actions for this program are:

- All supporting documentation, such as CCC-502, AD 1026, and CCC-526, must be submitted before payments can be issued.
- **Annual acreage report indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by the applicable established reporting dates.** Acreage reports filed after the applicable final reporting date may be accepted if all requirements are met and a late-filed fee is paid.

Call the office for more information.

Producers

Update your DCP contract and put the direct payment to work for your farm. Farmers who want to update their contracts need to address land and business issues:

- Will you continue to rent the same property you rented last year? If not, notify the office so we can update your farms records or perform a reconstitution to remove land from or add to your farming operations.
- A cash rent certification may be used if you rented the land last year, however, an advance payment cannot be issued for the farm until July 1, 2007.
- Are you changing the structure of your operation? For example, is the farm converting from an individual to a partnership or Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)? Are you changing shares within the business or is one of the shareholders leasing the business?

These questions need to be answered prior to sign-up. Visit the office and complete your 2007 contract before August 3rd, 2007



NAP UPDATE

NAP participants are reminded to notify this office of any crop loss within 15 days of the grower's first observation of a loss. Once reported the FSA Office will arrange for a field inspection within 5 days of your loss notification. Producers are also encouraged to turn in production for this year crop as soon as possible in order to update actual productions history (APH).

September 1st, 2007 is the application closing date for coverage on strawberry and September 30, 2007 is the closing date for coverage on wheat, oats, and barley. The fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per administrative county. The coverage rolls over from one year to the next as long as you pay the fee by the subsequent year's closing date.

FSA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAMS

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes and guarantees loans and provides credit counseling and supervision to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private, commercial credit. These may mean beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks as a result of natural disasters. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used to buy farmland and finance agricultural productions.

2007 MEASUREMENT SERVICE RATE

Rates will remain \$30 flat fee, plus \$16 for the first hour, then \$8 for every 30 minutes thereafter. Please note there is a different rate for performing measurement service with no farm visit. That rate is \$15 basic farm rate, plus \$8 per 30 minutes. The minimum charge for measurement service with no farm visit is \$30.

Upcoming Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

Growers who suffered crop losses to either the 2005 or 2006 or 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007 will soon have a chance for partial compensation. Growers with qualifying losses can choose assistance for any one year for benefit coverage. Losses must be in excess of 35%. Only producers who had crop insurance coverage or NAP coverage will be eligible. The payment rate is set at 42% of the established price. Assistance together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received plus the value of the crop not lost cannot exceed 95% of the total value of the crop absent the disaster. Signup is yet to be announced. More information will follow.

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