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# Lake County News

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## County Committee Elections

The Farm Service Agency County Committee election will be held this year on December 4, 2006. A 3-year term is open in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1—Lakeview. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice. You can nominate yourself if you are personally interested in serving on the committee. Blank nomination forms are available at the Lake County Farm Service Agency Office.

### Each nomination form must be:

- Limited to one nominee
- Signed by the nominee
- Postmarked or delivered to the County FSA office no later than August 1, 2006.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation or ownership of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for the committee work. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. FSA County Committee members are paid for their meeting and travel time. County Committee makes the decisions on:

- Commodity price support loans and payments;
- Establishments of yields;
- Conservation Programs;
- Incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and
- Other farm disaster assistance.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help run FSA programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on the committee help decide the kind of programs their counties will have and how they will run. They make FSA agricultural programs fit the needs of local producers. Additional information on the county committee election process can be found at:

[www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections)

## Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's)

Producers who planted grains (barley, oats or wheat) for crop year 2006, will be shearing sheep or selling slaughter lambs should be aware that they may be eligible to receive a LDP for these crops. These payments are available when the posted county price is lower than the county loan rate. The county prices are posted daily, producers will need to contact the county office to find out if there is a LDP available.

To be eligible for LDP's, you must comply with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest requirements and report how you use cropland acreage on the farm. Requesting LDP's has been made easier with the CCC-633 EZ. Complete page 1 of the EZ form indicating your intention to receive LDP benefits before losing beneficial interest. Once you've signed the EZ form you can submit an LDP request at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity.

## What are eLDPs?

The Farm Service Agency's electronic Loan Deficiency Payment Service (eLDP) is an Internet-based service allowing producers to request LDP's online. eLDP's are offered as an additional option to producers requesting an LDP. LDP benefits are still available at the local FSA county office. However, eLDP services provide greater flexibility to producers who conduct business online and want to avoid travel time to and from the local FSA office.

If you are interested in conducting business online with FSA, please contact the county office to get information about the online registration process.

## **Crop Acreage Reports**

Producers participating in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Direct & Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), or who plan to apply for a Commodity Loan or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) are required to file a crop acreage report by August 15, 2006.

## **Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Applicants**

The Farm Service Agency can make direct and guaranteed loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches. A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Direct loans may be made to applicants by FSA for both farm operating and farm ownership loans. Guaranteed farm loans also may be made for ownership or operating purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to federal or state supervision (e.g., banks and units of the Farm Credit System) and guaranteed by FSA. FSA typically guarantees 90 or 95 percent of a loan against any loss that might be incurred if the loan fails. Persons who are primarily and directly engaged in farming and ranching on family-size operations may apply. Socially disadvantaged loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individual applicants under this program must meet all requirements for FSA's regular farm loan program assistance.

## **Important Dates**

July 4, 2006—Office closed in observance of Independence Day

August 15, 2006—Final day to timely file a 2006 crop acreage report

## **Special Accommodations**

FSA programs are available to all eligible interested persons. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required please contact the FSA office.

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