



News in Lake County

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County Committee Elections

FSA County Committee nominations are now being accepted. A 3-year term is open in the Local Administrative Area #2: Adel, Paisley, Plush, Summer Lake, and Valley Falls. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice. Self nominations are welcome.

Nomination forms must be:

- Limited to one nominee
- Signed by the nominee
- Postmarked or delivered to the county office no later than August 1, 2008.

Nominees should be active in the operation or ownership of a farm/ranch, and be qualified for the committee work. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. FSA County Committee members are paid for their meeting and travel time. Committee members make 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 part 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 the programs fit the needs of local producers.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at the Lake County FSA office or online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> Follow the links "News & Events" to "County Committee Elections".

Crop Acreage Reports

Don't forget to file your annual crop acreage report with the county office. A loss of benefits for many FSA programs can be prevented by filing an accurate report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, on time.

Programs required to submit

reports are the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program, Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Report of farm acreage, form FSA-578, crop reports must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted. Producers are required to file reports by August 15, 2008.

Youth Loans

Youth between the ages of 10 and 20 interested in income-producing projects should take a look at the rural youth loans offered by FSA. Operating loans are available for establishing and operating various projects with a maximum loan amount of \$5,000.00. These projects must be of modest size, initiated, developed, and

carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA or similar organizations or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent.

Project Qualifications:
a) Be an organized and supervised program
b) Be planned and operated with the

assistance of an organization advisor.
c) Produce sufficient income to repay the loan.
d) Provide the youth with practical business and education experience.

If interested, or you would like more information, please contact your local FSA office for details.

Program Reminders: Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

As stated in the February 2008 newsletter, Lake County livestock producers are eligible for LCP program benefits based on the drought conditions continuing from March 1, 2007. Livestock producers can be compensated through LCP based on grazing or stored feed losses resulting from natural disasters occurring in the 2007 calendar year. Grazing losses must be attributed to the declared disaster event (drought, excessive moisture, etc.), and producers will need to provide:

- Livestock numbers on March 1, 2007 (excluding calves under 500 lbs)
- Acreage and dates normally grazed for non-irrigated improved pasture and non-irrigated native rangeland pasture. *Note:* Irrigated pasture and grazing land that is leased on the basis of weight gain or on an AUM-only basis (lessee incurs no additional expense for pasture maintenance such as wells, fences) are not eligible under the LCP.
- Copies of BLM and USFS grazing permits and copies of bills showing paid-for AUM's in 2007.
- Copies of lease agreements
- Copies of feed receipts for 2006 and 2007 (if feed costs for 2007 were higher than feed costs for 2006)
- Grazing loss level for each type of non-irrigated pasture.

Multi-county producers will need to contact the county office in order to determine where to file an application for benefits.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, May 26

Office closed in observance of *Memorial Day*

Friday, July 4

Office closed in observance of *Independence Day*

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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