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Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Publish Date: June 20, 2009
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COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought from eligible candidates to represent Local Administrative Area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 **includes the Junction City, North & West Eugene, and Highway 36 to Deadwood areas of Lane County.** A map of the boundary is posted in our office.

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers and ranchers who serve on county committees help with the decisions necessary to administer the programs in their counties. They work to make FSA agricultural program serve the needs of local producers.

Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidates of their choice by petition (form FSA-669-A) or you may self nominate. Enclosed in this newsletter is the nomination form. A listing of known farm/ranch owners and operators in LAA 1 is posted in our office for your information. **USDA encourages diversity on the Committee, women in agriculture, persons of different ethnic or racial backgrounds, and beginning farmers/ranchers are encouraged to seek nomination.**

Petitions must be received in our office by Aug 3, 2009. You are encouraged to vote when you receive your ballot! Historically, only 17% of mailed ballots are returned and tallied nationwide. The COC election will be held on Dec 7, 2009.

A brief informational meeting will be held in our office on July 2 at 9 am to explain COC member duties and the COC nomination and election process. Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to visit the Service Center should contact Jean Larkin at 465-6443 Ext 101, or e-mail jean.larkin@or.usda.gov prior to the meeting date. If you can not attend but want more information, please contact Jean.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT	REPORT CROP ACRES	YOU MUST REPORT BY June 30, 2009
File an accurate and timely report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, to prevent loss of benefits of FSA programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from: DCP, marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). Crop reports on form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, must account for all cropland on a farm, whether idle or planted.		

2009 Commodity Loan Rates for Lane County

Corn	\$ 2.41 / Bu	Grain Sorghum	\$ 4.04 / CWT
Barley	\$ 2.18 / Bu	Soft White Wheat	\$ 3.17 / Bu
Oats	\$ 1.35 / Bu	Dry Peas	\$ 6.12 / Cwt

As harvest season approaches, remember you must apply for a commodity loan or Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) before you lose beneficial interest in the crop. 9-month commodity loans are available with the commodity itself serving as collateral for the loan. Proceeds from the sale of the crop will go toward satisfying the loan or you can pay off the loan with cash at anytime. Commodities must be harvested as grain.

NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)	
NAP is available for all crops not covered under Federal Crop Insurance. NAP provides catastrophic level of coverage (50% yield / 55% price) to crops damaged by the eligible weather events that occur before or during harvest. Fees are \$250/crop, maximum of \$750/county, and a maximum of \$1875/multi County.	
>Fall planted vegetable seeds, canola, carrots, onions, other seed crops; Christmas trees, cut flowers, herbs	August 31, 2009
>Grass, alfalfa, small grain, (fall or spring planted), grass seed, clover seed, alfalfa seed, and any other perennial not mentioned	October 1, 2009
>All fruit crops, honey	November 20, 2009
>All forage and grazing crops except oat forage and grazing	November 30, 2009
>All spring planted crops not mentioned, oat forage	March 15, 2010

We are closed FRIDAY JULY 3rd in celebration of Independence Day



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Federal Crop Insurance Coverage (FCIC) – 2010 Crops

Various crops in Lane County are covered by USDA's Risk Management Agency FCIC Program. These crops are **NOT** eligible for loss assistance under NAP. 2010 Insurable Crops and sales closing dates:

9/30/09	Wheat, Peppermint/Winter option
11/20/09	Grapes, Apples, Pears
11/30/09	Apiculture (Pilot program)
1/31/10	Adjusted Gross Revenue
3/15/10	Barley, Oats, Sweet Corn, Peppermint-Basic, Field Corn, Processed Beans, Adjusted Gross Revenue
5/1/10	Lite Nursery

FCIC Programs for Livestock

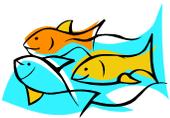
Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) The LRP policy offers protection against a decline in fed cattle, feeder cattle and hog prices during the term of the Specific Coverage Endorsement (SCE). A separate LRP policy is available for feeder or slaughter lambs. Sales for 2010 crop year runs July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. LRP is available in all Oregon counties.

For all FCIC coverage, you will work with a private insurance agent that has been trained by the Risk Management Agency. Fact sheets for each covered crop or livestock and a list of private crop insurance agents is available in our office or at: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

Interested? Call Patti at 465-6443 x100

CREP is a jointly funded program by the federal government and the State of Oregon. Program objectives include: reducing sediment and nutrient pollution from Ag lands, stabilizing stream banks with adequate vegetation, reducing water temperatures, improving habitat for fish species, and providing a mechanism for farmers to help meet water quality requirements established by federal and state laws.



FSA provides participants with annual rental payments for the life of the contract and cost sharing on practice installation. There are also incentive payments based on the cost of establishing the practice. The program targets the use of Riparian Buffers, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Habitat Buffers, and Wetland Buffers to meet the objective of the program.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTION

The County FSA Committee election will be held on the first Monday of December. Ballots will be mailed to voters not less than 4 weeks before the election.

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 4. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

Note: Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 3.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who files this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file a challenge.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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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>
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE		6A. COUNTY
4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>		6B. LAA NO.
		7. STATE
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.

<p>ETHNICITY</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<p>RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable)</p> <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	<p>GENDER</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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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.