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## COUNTY COMMITTEE:

The Farm Service Agency county/area committees are responsible for the administration of Federal farm programs at the local level.

## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

Metcalf County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 3 beginning January 1, 2007. That position is currently held by Mike Pedigo who has reached his term limit. LAA 3 includes starting at the Barren Co. line on Cedar Hill Road west to Hwy 640, SW on 640 to Randolph, west on 861 to Ralph Edwards Road, then NW to the Edmonton City Limits; following City Limit boundary to junction of HWY 496 and HWY 533, west on 533 to the Adair County line; all territory south of these lines to Adair County, Cumberland County, Monroe County and Barren County Lines. Includes cities of Randolph, Cedar Flats, Goodluck, Moore Spring, Willow Shade, Beaumont and Summer Shade.

## NOMINEES IN LAA 3 ARE:

**Kelli Blythe – Brown:** Farming operation consist of raising small calves until they reach 550 pounds then market. Kelli has lived in the community all her life. She has been married to the Gabe Brown for 8years. They have 2 children, Hannah and Carson.

**Barry Burroughs** lives in the Goodluck community and is a full time farmer.

Ballots will be mailed no later than November 4, 2006 and must be returned or postmarked by December 4, 2006.

## Green River CREP Sign-up Continues

The Green River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program sign-up is a continuous sign-up. Most of Metcalf county is located within the CREP regional boundary. Any land on which water drains to the Green River (or its tributaries, including the Little Barren watershed) is within the region. The program is a "win-win" situation; with both the land benefits with the installation of Best Management Practices, and the landowner benefits with the tremendous payout that is offered with the contracts. In nearly every real world example calculated within the local region, more money can be made by enrolling acreage into CREP than by farming it. The contracts last from 10 to 15 years, that is up to the land owner, and the land may be returned to farming after the contracts expire. BMP's applied most often consist of the planting of native warm-season grasses (prairie grasses), trees or a combination of both. These BMP'S are designed to help create wildlife habitat, improve water quality in our local streams and protect farmland. Cost-share is provided by both state and federal agencies, and there are additional bonus, or incentive, payments on most practices early in the process.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, determining if your farm lies within the CREP region, or just have general questions, please visit or contact the Metcalf County USDA Service Center.