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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 a.m.

County Committee

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County Committee
meets 1st Thursday
each month at
8:00 a.m.

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STEVE ANDERSON RE-ELECTED TO COUNTY COMMITTEE

The FSA County Committee election for Local Administrative Area #2 was held by mail ballot in December. Steve Anderson was elected as County Committee member, Brenda Hagan as first alternate, Randy Greenwell as second alternate and Bill Thomas as third alternate.

Thanks to all who participated in the election and we look forward to working with you in 2008.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO KATHY BAIRD

Kathy Baird resigned effective January 5, 2008 to start her own business working with horses. Kathy worked here for the past six years and will be greatly missed. We all wish her the best of luck with her new venture.

CHANGES IN FARMING OPERATIONS

If you have bought or sold land, or if you have picked up or dropped rented land from your operation, make sure you report the changes to our office. You need to provide a copy of your deed or recorded land contract for purchased property. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. Making the changes now will save you time in the spring.

HIGHLY ERODIBLE LAND AND WETLAND CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Farmers are reminded that in order to receive payments, compliance with Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions are required. Farmers with HEL determined soils are reminded of tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan. Producers should contact their USDA Service Center prior to conducting land or drainage projects to ensure compliance, which is certified on Form AD-1026.

WETLAND DETERMINATION IDENTIFIERS

As part of USDA's continuous effort to use digital mapping technology to increase efficiency, FSA and NRCS have recently revised the symbols used to identify wetland determination locations on FSA maps.

USDA's wetland point symbols, called wetland determination identifiers, indicate on digital maps the approximate location of NRCS wetland determinations.

- Red octagons represent 'Restricted Use' determinations, such as W (Wetland), CW (Converted Wetland), or AW/W (Artificial Wetland/Wetland).
- Yellow triangles represent 'Limited Restrictions' determinations, such as FW (Farmed Wetland) or MIW, MWM (Mitigation Wetlands).
- Green circles represent 'Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions' determinations, such as PC (Prior Converted), NW (Non Wetland), or AW (Artificial Wetland).

The wetland determination identifiers do not represent the size, shape, exact location or exact category of wetland determinations. The maps are used primarily for producer information when producers make crop acreage reports, change field boundaries or request a map of their land from FSA. The maps are not used for wetland conservation compliance. USDA participants remain responsible for self-certifying compliance with USDA wetland conservation provisions.