



Farm Service Agency

UTAH-WASATCH FSA NEWSLETTER

JUNE-JULY 2007

Acreage Reporting

ALL participating farms must file a crop report to be eligible for program benefits. This includes payments under DCP, NAP, CRP, LDPs, and disaster programs.

The deadline to report acreage for Utah and Wasatch counties is Monday, July 2, 2007.

Reports filed after that date will be required to pay a \$46 late fee.

Also keep track of your planting dates. We will ask you for these dates when you file your acreage report. Those dates are helpful to you in the event of a disaster program. Planting dates are also required for producers

Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers who have a NAP Contract on file with this office need to file a "Notice of Loss" when it becomes apparent that you have been affected by drought, frost, and insects etc. This Notice of Loss should be filed within **15 days** of when the damage is apparent—no matter how significant the loss may seem at the time. Producers also need to notify our office if you intend to graze a crop instead of harvest it.

Additionally, you need to submit production evidence, even if you did not have a loss, in order to establish an Actual Production History (APH) for each year. This is used to calculate your production yield; and consequently will affect your NAP payment. July 2, 2007 is the deadline to submit 2006 crop year production records.

COC ELECTIONS

~~Take Charge-Be a County Committee Member!~~

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Nominations for this year's election begin June 15th and for your convenience the nomination form is included in this newsletter. First a little background on the election process: For the purpose of county committee (COC) elections, counties are divided into local administrative areas, more commonly referred to as LAAs. Each LAA is represented on the committee by one producer who is elected by the active producers in that LAA and serves a three year term. Single counties are divided into three LAAs and combined counties may have from three to five LAAs. Each year an election is held in an LAA to replace or re-elect the committee member whose three year term is expiring. In counties with three LAA's, one seat is up for election. In combined counties there are years when two seats may be up for election.

This year, LAA 2 will be conducting an election. LAA 2 is the Springville, Mapleton, Provo, Orem & Vineyard Areas.

COC Elections-cont.

Nominations begin June 15th: Nominations for candidates to run for county committee election representing LAA 2 will be accepted from June 15 through August 1, 2007. Producers who reside in LAA 2 and participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Almost anyone can nominate a candidate—nominate yourself, your neighbor, or any other producer of choice. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must sign the "Nomination Form" indicating their willingness to serve if elected. The FSA 669A, Nomination Form for County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee Election, must be returned to our office or postmarked by August 1, 2007.

If you are uncertain of your eligibility to vote or hold office in the upcoming election, please give us a call. If you want a voice in how FSA programs are administered to meet your local community and resource needs—get

DCP Program

It's time once again to sign-up for the DCP program! You can begin enrolling your farm in 2007 DCP.

This commodity based program is *not* a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year. Deadline to enroll without a late payment fee is August 3, 2007.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING!

Make sure to come into the office soon to complete your eligibility review

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) COMMITTEE ELECTION

The County FSA Committee election will be held this year 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 1.

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 an appeal in accordance with 7 CFR Part 780.

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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<h2 style="margin: 0;">NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION</h2>	

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

ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) <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	GENDER <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 1.

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 5 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.

CRP Maintenance

It is time once again to remind CRP contract holders of their responsibilities to control any weeds, insects, pests, or other undesirable species, which would have an impact on surrounding land.

Failure to control these items may result in contract payment reductions or termination.

CRP maintenance such as mowing, disking, or burning shall not be performed during the primary nesting season which is April 1 through July 15 each year.

County Information

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County Committee:
Kay Probst
Chad Warren
Alan Williams
Jim Smith
George Holmes
Debra Cloward

Positions:
Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Member
Member
Member
Advisor

Eligibility Reviews

Just a reminder, our office is currently conducting in-depth reviews of documents used to support producer eligibility. The review is the agency's effort to ensure the accuracy of all payments made to producers. This process pays great attention to detail, takes time, and must be completed before any 2007 crop-year program payments can be made. You may need to complete new forms and provide additional supplemental documentation.

Dates to Remember

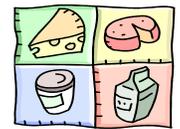
Today	Sign-up for 2007 DCP
Today	File Acreage Report
Today	Sign CCC-633 EZ for wool
Today	Complete required Eligibility Review of your farming operation
July 2	2007 acreage report deadline (without late-file fee of \$46)
July 2	Deadline to submit production for 2006 NAP
Aug 3	Deadline to request a farm reconstitution to be effective for farms enrolled in DCP
Aug. 3	2007 DCP sign-up deadline (without late-file fee of \$100/farm)

Farm Loan Programs

Need temporary credit? Maybe we can help. FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers and ranchers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. These may be beginning farmers who can't qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth, or established farmers who have a lack of cash flow to meet bank standards. These loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used for Farm Ownership, Down Payment Loans, Participation Loans, Farm Operating Loans, Beginning Farmer Loans, and Guaranteed Loans. Please call Steven at (801) 377-5296 ext 29 with any questions.

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