



Farm Service Agency

TOOELE-SALT LAKE COUNTY FSA NEWSLETTER

JULY 2006

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 Tooele and Salt Lake counties was June 30, 2006. If you still need to file, you still can, but you will be required to pay a \$20 late file fee.

DCP

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program

This commodity based program is not a continuous program. Contracts for the DCP program must be updated each year.

The deadline to enroll in the 2006 year was June 1, 2006. However, if you are eligible to participate in this program you have until September 30, 2006 to enroll. You will be required to pay a \$100 late file fee for each farm you enroll.

Wool LDP Program

A subsidy payment on your wool and mohair is available so you can apply for a LDP payment on your 2006 wool. A LDP is paid when the market price of wool falls below the loan rate.

It is extremely important that you have form CCC-633 EZ Page 1 on file before you begin shearing.

By signing this page, you indicate your intention to receive LDP benefits and you maintain your eligibility in the program.

Once the form is signed, you can submit a LDP request for payment at any time during the loan availability period. You will need to bring your wool receipts to this Service Center after your wool or mohair has been sold.

If you lose beneficial interest in the wool before your signed CCC-633 EZ is on file with this office, you will lose your eligibility to participate in this program.

COC Elections

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 USDA.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

Agricultural producers in LAA 1 (Tooele, Erda, and Lake Point) and LAA 4 (Salt Lake) will be electing their representative on the Tooele-Salt Lake County Committee.

Nominate the producer of your choice beginning June 15! Vote and make a difference!

Pick up nomination forms (FSA-669A "Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election") and eligibility information from this office.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

JUNE 15

Request nomination forms from the FSA office and begin submitting nominations

AUGUST 1

Last day to file nominations

NOVEMBER 3

Election ballots mailed

DECEMBER 4

Last day to return ballots

JANUARY 1

Elected committee members and alternates take office



FSA Kids Activity

Summer Picnics Start On The Farm

If your kids would like to have their artistic efforts posted on the FSA Kids website, log on to www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids and follow the link to the "Summer Picnics Start On The Farm". They can download the featured pages to submit or they can make their own. Once they've finished, submit them to the address on the website and their drawings will be posted on the website for all to enjoy and admire! The FSA Kids website has the AgVenture and Hay Now games for your kids to play and learn about agriculture at the same time. There are also cooking pages, coloring pages, fun food facts, puzzles, fun links, and more!



Monitoring Efforts of FSA

FSA county office staff will be assisting Risk Management Agency and insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. FSA staff will be making two inspections; one during the growing season and one during the time harvest is normal for the crop. The staff will be checking to see if reported crops have been planted and cared for in a workmanlike manner. All suspected cases of fraud, waste, and abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program will be referred to RMA. Producers may report suspected cases of fraud, waste, and abuse to the county office staff, RMA office or Office of Inspector General. FSA will assist RMA with auditing claims. Fraud can lead to producer disqualification to participate in FSA programs.

County Information

Address: 185 N. Main Street Tooele, UT 84074	Phone Numbers: 435-882-3018 888-592-4565
Staff: Keith Christensen, CED Jennifer Hicks, PT	Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm
County Committee: Henry Day Rodney Grgich Duane Hicks Orson Johnson Clell Pete Judy Russell	Positions: Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Member Member Advisor Advisor

Dates to Remember

Today	Sign-up for 2006 DCP
Today	File Acreage Report
Today	Sign CCC-633 EZ
July 4	Office Closed – Independence Day
July 18	COC Meeting
August 1	Last day to file nominations for County Committee Elections
August 1	Last day to request farm reconstitution
August 22	COC Meeting

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Farm Reconstitutions

In Farm Service Agency terms, farms are *constituted* to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is called for. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

When combining different tracts into one farm unit, FSA simply adds each tract's base acreage to determine the base acreage for the newly constituted farm. If a tract is removed from a farm, such as when there is an operator or ownership change, the base acreage that is attributed to the tract is removed from the farm. In some cases, the base acreage could be distributed by different means.

The final date to request a 2006 reconstitution is August 1, 2006. If 2006 DCP direct payments have already been issued on the farm, the reconstitution will be effective for 2007, unless the payments are refunded

Farm Loans

Loans for Socially Disadvantaged

The Farm Service Agency can make and guarantee loans to socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family size farms and ranches. Funds specifically for these loans are reserved each year. A socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Beginning Farmers

The Farm Service Agency provides direct and guaranteed loans to beginning farmers and ranchers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial credit sources. Each Fiscal Year, the Agency targets a portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loan (OL) funds to beginning farmers and ranchers. A beginning farmer or rancher is an individual or entity who (1) has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years; (2) meets the loan eligibility criteria requirements of the program to which he/she is applying; (3) substantially participates in the operation; and, (4) for FO purposes, does not own a farm greater than 25 percent of the average size farm in the county. All applicants for direct FO loans must have operated a farm for at least 3 years.

Contact this office for a loan packet. If you would like more information on loans contact Ross Ballard at 801-629-0575 or Steven Bartholomew at 801-377-5296.

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