



**Farm Service Agency**



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***County Committee Elections !!!!!***

It is time for the county committee annual election, and this year the election in Webster County will be in Local Administrative 1, whose position is now filled by Joe Bill Day. Joe Bill is eligible to run again. Wright County's election will also be in Local Administrative Area number 1, whose position is filled by James Latimer. James has served on the committee for the past nine years, and by procedure can not run again until setting out one term. We want to thank James for the great job he has done serving the producers of Wright County.

For election purposes, counties are divided into Local Administrative Areas, or LAA's. Each LAA contributes one producer to serve a three-year term on the Farm Service Agency county committee.

There are three steps in the election process: the call for nominations, the election and installing the new committee member;

***Election Timetable***

- June 15---Nomination period begins.
- August 1---Deadline to submit nomination forms
- November 3---Ballots are mailed to eligible voters
- December 4---Deadline to return completed ballots to the FSA county office
- January 1, 2007---New committee members and alternates are installed.

***Nominations open June 15***

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in a LAA will be accepted from June 15 through August 1, 2006.

Producers who are residents in the LAA holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. Eligible voters can nominate as many candidates as they wish. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected, and returned to the FSA county office by the close of business on August 1, or postmarked by midnight Aug. 1.

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## Reporting Crop Acreage

It goes by different names—crop report, acreage report, crop certification—but regardless of what you call it, filing an accurate and *timely* acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of Farm Service Agency programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, (DCP), marketing assistance loans and Loan Deficiency Payments, (LDP's). Conservation Reserve Program, (CRP), must be reported to receive annual rental payments. And, crop acreage for which Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, (NAP), may be enrolled must be reported. Crop reports are made on form FSA-578, Report of Acreage, and must account for *all* cropland on the farm, whether idle or planted. Prevented planting and failed acreage should also be reported.

Prevented planting occurs when a crop cannot be planted during the established planting period because of a natural disaster. To be filed in a timely manner, prevented planted reports must be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the NAP crops and by the final reporting date for non-NAP crops.

Failed acreage comprises tracts of properly-planted and managed crops that did not grow or were destroyed due to a natural disaster. Acreage reports for failed acreage must be filed before disposition of the crop.

## Foreign Landowner Notification

We would like to remind all real estate professionals that foreign investors who buy, sell or hold a direct or indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land **must** report their holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. The necessary forms to use are available thru this office. Failure to timely file an accurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

## Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse. There are important exception to the rule. Check with the county office staff for details.

## Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, ***MAKE SURE YOU REPORT THE CHANGES TO THE FSA OFFICE*** as soon as possible after they occur. For farm ownership changes, you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in our programs. Accurate farm records are very important to allow us to administer farm programs.

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## Payment Limitation

**Determinations.** Producers are reminded that no program benefits may be made until the FSA office has made all the necessary payment limitation and eligibility determinations. Producers will remain ineligible until all the required forms that include information pertaining to their farming operations are provided to the office. The FSA county committee or the producer may initiate the payment limitation and payment eligibility determinations. If the producer requests the determination, the request may be filed anytime before the final date for submitting form CCC-502 (Farm Operation Plan for Payment Eligibility Review).

**Programs and payments limits** The following programs are subject to the following payment limitation.

### Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)

\*Direct payment for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, sorghum soybeans and wheat--\$40,000 per crop year.

\*Counter-cyclical payment for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat--\$65,000 per crop year

### Price Support

\* Market loan gains, LDP's and commodity loans for barley, corn, grain, oats, other oilseeds, sorghum, soybeans and wheat—

\$75,000 per crop year.

### Conservation Programs

\* Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rental and incentive payments--\$50,000 per fiscal year

### Other Programs

\* Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)--\$200,000

\* Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)--\$100,000 per crop year

\* Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC)—There is no payment limitation for MILC. These payments are limited to 2.4 million pounds of production per year.

**Providing Information** Statutory provisions require that all entities—individuals, partnerships, joint operations, corporations, trusts, etc.—provide the names, addresses and ID numbers of the entity's members to the county committee. Also, entities must inform their members of the requirement for designation “permitted entities” for payment purposes. Spouses may be considered separate “persons” for payment limitation purposes if this determination is requested and all the applicable requirement to be determined a “person” are met.

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## Bank Account Changes?

As of Jan. 1, 1999, all FSA payments are supposed to be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order to allow us to make timely payments, you need to notify the office if you close your account or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account and routing numbers.

## Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, soybeans and corn. The interest rate changes each month. The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required. The interest rate for June is 5%.

## Attention Contractors !!!

The Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to assemble a list of contractors willing to do custom conservation work. Our office receives requests for individuals who would perform custom work such as: plowing, disking, seedbed preparation, spraying, no-tilling, brush-hogging, fence building, fixing fence, hauling or spreading lime, cutting or baling hay and more. If you are interested in your name being distributed by our office for this purpose, please call us Monday-Friday at (417) 741-6195 ext. 3.

***\*\*\*Please remember to contact the Farm Service Agency and make your acreage report as soon as possible!!! This will allow us to record and maintain crop history for your farm.\*\*\****