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Columbus

This office will be closed
on October 9th in
observance of Columbus
Day



**LAA-2 COUNTY
COMMITTEE ELECTION**

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to all farmers and ranchers. County committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U. S. Department of Agriculture and are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA.

A county or area served by the county committee is divided into local administrative areas (LAA's). A member who serves a three-year term on the county committee represents each LAA.

Elections are held on a rotating basis each fall. This year's candidates for LAA-2 (which includes the land east of I-505, west of County Road 102 and north of I-5) are Marlene Schuler, Randy Timothy and Rich Yeung.

Farm owners, operators, tenants and share-croppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program.

Ballots will be mailed to voters by November 3 and must be returned to the FSA county office or be postmarked by December 4, 2006. If you don't receive a ballot in the mail by mid-November, please call this office and we will make arrangements to have you come in and complete a walk-in ballot.

**SEPTEMBER 29 DCP
DEADLINE NEARS**

Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contracts (CCC-509) for 2006 for which missing signatures are obtained after June 1, 2006 but not later than September 29, 2006 will be considered late-filed and will be assessed a late-filed sign-up fee of \$100 per farm. The late-filed fee must be paid before the contract can be approved for payment.

If your farm has not been signed up for 2006, please call TODAY to make an appointment. Signups for 2006 CCC-509's cannot be taken after September 29, 2006.

The 2007 DCP sign-up will begin October 1, 2006.



SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Reviews of some program applications indicate that some signatories for farming operations are signing program documents without proper signature authority.

If an individual signs on behalf of another individual, a general partnership or an entity (e. g., corporation, trust or estate), the signatory must have signature authority on file with the County Office. In cases where signature authority is required and a legal document has not been submitted or does not specify signature authority, the farming operation must submit a Power of Attorney (FSA-211).



Spouses do not require a Power of Attorney to sign on behalf of their spouses' individual interests unless a written notification denying this authority is on file with the County Office.

MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING ON CRP ACREAGE

The State Technical Committee has approved the following periods for

managed haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage as recommended by the Yolo County FSA Committee (COC):

Managed Haying Period:

- January 1 - March 31

Managed Grazing Periods:

Producers may elect **either**:

- October 1- November 29 (60-day) **and**
- January 31-March 31 (60-day)

or:

- December 1-March 30 (120-day)

CRP participants approved for managed haying or grazing shall: 1) contact Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to obtain a modified conservation plan that includes managed haying or grazing; 2) receive written notification from the COC that managed haying or grazing is authorized **before** livestock are placed on CRP acreage; 3) be assessed a payment reduction of the number of acres actually hayed or grazed x the CRP per acre annual rental payment x 25 per cent; 4) re-establish the cover, at their own expense, if the cover fails as a result of managed haying or grazing; 5) hay or graze only during the above periods and not exceed the applicable consecutive days; 6) not

hay or graze the same acreage more often than 1 out of every 3 years; and 7) report the number of acres actually hayed or grazed.



Eligible livestock producers who are renting or subleasing eligible CRP acreage may not sublease the CRP acreage.

LATE-FILED ACREAGE REPORTS (FSA-578)

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires that acreage reports for all cropland be filed by producers who participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program; request a loan deficiency payment or a commodity loan; participate in the Conservation Reserve Program; grow an uninsurable crop that may need disaster protection; or participate in the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

The County Committee may accept late-filed FSA-578's as timely filed if the operator pays the cost for a farm visit and administrative fees for verifying and determining the crop acreage; physical evidence of the late-filed crop or crop residue exists; AND the crop's use can be verified.

COMMODITY LOANS

A lien search must be completed by all producers requesting a commodity loan. Loans will not be disbursed until the county and state liens searches are completed and applicable lien waivers have been signed and returned to the County Office. A new lien search is required for every loan. Producers should request a lien search at the county office where they will be putting their commodity under loan two weeks prior to bringing in the warehouse receipts for warehouse stored loans.

2005 FINAL CC UPLAND COTTON AND GRAIN SORGHUM RATES ANNOUNCED

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides for counter-cyclical (CC) payments for covered commodities and oilseeds beginning with crop year 2002.



Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues advance CC payments when the target price for the commodity exceeds the projected effective price. The effective price equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of the

national average price received by producers during the 12-month marketing year or the loan rate.

CCC issued the first 2005 advance CC payments for sorghum (\$0.0945/bu), cotton (\$0.0481/lb) and peanuts (\$0.0182/lb) in October 2005 and the second 2005 advance CC payments for sorghum (\$0.0945/bu), cotton (\$0.0480/lb) and peanuts (\$0.0182/lb) in February 2006. The final 2005 payment rate, less first and second advance payments, is \$0.081/lb for sorghum (\$0.27 total), \$0.0412/lb (\$0.1375 total) and \$0.0156/lb for peanuts (\$0.052 total).

The final 2005 corn CC payment rate will be announced in October; the final 2005 rice CC payment rate will be announced in February 2007.

REQUESTS TO LOCK IN REPAYMENT RATES

Producers can request to lock in a repayment rate for the purpose of repaying an outstanding CCC loan with cash only.

A commodity certificate exchange must not be applied to any quantity for which an outstanding CCC-697 exists. The CCC-697 form has been revised for the producer to acknowledge his/her understanding of the

agreement to the locked-in repayment rate terms and conditions.

2007 FARM RECONSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE

To be effective for 2007, farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1, 2007.



When land with contract acres is sold, those contract acres normally transfer with the land to the new owner based on a cropland ratio. However, the landowner and purchaser can agree to divide the contract acres in any manner that is mutually agreeable.

To use this designation by landowner method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years and the owner and purchaser must sign a memorandum of understanding designating contract acres before completing the sale.



IMPORTANT DATES

**IT IS THE PRODUCER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE
COUNTY OFFICE TO MEET DEADLINES**

9/29/2006	2006 DCP sign-up deadline (with \$100 per farm late-file fee) ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DATE!
October 2006	2005 final corn CC rate announced 2006 first advance CC rates announced 2006 DCP final direct payments issued
10/01/2006	2007 DCP sign-up begins
10/01/2006	Beginning of first 60-day managed grazing period on CRP
10/01/2006	Initial date to request a 2007 farm reconstitution
10/09/2006	Columbus Day – office closed
11/23/2006	Thanksgiving Day – office closed
11/29/2006	End of first 60-day managed grazing period on CRP
December 2006	Begin issuing 2007 DCP advance direct payments <u>(Note: 22% of the 2007 direct DCP payment will be issued as an advance; the remaining 78% will be issued in October 2007)</u>
12/01/2006	Beginning of 120-day managed grazing period on CRP
12/04/2006	Final date to return LAA-2 election ballots
12/25/2006	Christmas Day – office closed
1/01/2007	New Year's Day – office closed
February 2007	2005 final rice CC rate announced 2006 second advance CC rates announced

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