



Pinal-Pima County

Newsletter

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COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATION ENDS AUGUST 1, 2013.

LAA 2 Area - North Boundary is Maricopa Casa Grande Hwy
East Boundary is Chui Chu Road/State Hwy
South Boundary is Pinal County Line
West Boundary is Pinal County Line

LAA 5 Area - North Boundary is Pinal County Line
East Boundary is Pinal/Gila County Line
South Boundary is Pima/Santa Cruz County Line
West Boundary is Hwy 170 & 173, south then Interstate I-10 south to Pima/Santa Cruz County Line

***Map of LAA Areas is available at the Pinal-Pima County FSA Office**



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PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

August 2, 2013 Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program

Producers are encouraged to sign up for the Direct and Counter-cyclical program (DCP) before the Aug. 2, 2013, deadline.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 had the option to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 had the opportunity to re-enroll in ACRE for 2013 before the June 3, 2013 deadline or they can still enroll in DCP through August 2, 2013.

Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate). Producers who wish to enroll in DCP are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their local FSA Office as soon as possible.

August 1st Farm Reconstitution Deadline

For FSA program purposes, tracts having the same owner and the same operator are grouped under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

USDA Extends Acreage Reporting Deadline for FSA to Aug. 2 - Risk Management Deadline Remains Unchanged

Farmers and landowners have an additional 18 calendar days to submit their annual report of acreage to their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office with the deadline extended from Monday, July 15, 2013, to Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Only the FSA reporting deadline has been extended. The acreage reporting requirement for crop insurance has not changed and remains July 15.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP); the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE); the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistant Program (NAP).

Acreage reports for FSA are considered timely this year when filed at the county office by the new applicable final crop reporting deadline of Aug. 2, 2013. Producers should contact their local FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

While FSA is able to extend its deadline, RMA's acreage reporting date remains July 15, 2013, for most spring planted crops in the country. Farmers are reminded to contact their insurance agent if they have any questions about coverage, prevented planting, or for reporting and processing a claim.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

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- August 1st Reconstitution Deadline
COC Nomination Period Deadline
 - August 2nd DCP Sign-up Deadline
Crop Certification Deadline
 - Sept. 2nd Labor Day - Office Closed
 - Sept. 18th County Committee Meeting @ 9:00 am

****Important, all deeds, leases, certification, Adjusted Gross Income forms, and any documentation that may prevent your payment processing must be turned in. Please call the office to be sure all documents are received.**

FSA Homepage: www.fsa.usda.gov
Arizona State FSA Homepage: www.fsa.usda.gov/edso/az/az.htm
USDA eCommerce Home (forms web site): <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov/Main.asp>

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