



# Greenwood/Elk County FSA NEWS



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County Committee normally meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM.  
County Committee Members: Joetta Miller-Chairperson, Kim Boone-Vice-Chairperson, John T Borst -Member,  
William J Cannon-Member, Marshall Stauffer-Member

July/August 2009

## DCP and ACRE Signup Deadline

Signup for the 2009 Direct and Counter-Cyclical payment (DCP) Program has been extended until August 14, 2009. FSA will not accept any late-filed applications. Signup in the ACRE option is also available through August 14, 2009. DCP Program payments use base acres and yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2009, you may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is statutorily set below its target price. The ACRE program was created to give producers an option in lieu of traditional counter-cyclical payments. Producers may elect and enroll in ACRE for the 2009 crop year even if they have already accepted advance direct payments under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Program. **Please call for an appointment to complete your signup options.**

## County FSA Committee Elections

Candidate nominations for the FSA county committee election will be accepted through **August 3, 2009**. Elections this year will be held in LAA #2 for Greenwood County and LAA #4 for Elk County. 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. To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by close of business on August 3, or postmarked by midnight August 3, 2009. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning November 6 and must be returned to the county office by the close of business on December 7 or postmarked by midnight December 7, 2009. For additional clarification about county committee elections, contact your local county office staff.

## Final Crop Acreage Reporting Date - August 14, 2009

The final day to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, CRP, and other crops is extended to August 14, 2009. Acreage reports are required to receive FSA program benefits. The certification form FSA-578, Report of Commodities, must account for all cropland on a farm and farms participating in the SURE program must report non-cropland as well as cropland. **Please call for an appointment!**

## Foreign Investors 90-day Reporting Rule

Foreign owners of U.S. Agricultural land are required by law to report their land holding, acquisitions, leases of 10 years or more and land use changes within 90 days to the local FSA Office. Failure to report these changes can result in a civil penalty of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of their interest in the agricultural land.

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## Farm Storage Facility Loans

FSA offers seven-year, low interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and related essential, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment. Loan opportunities include but are not limited to: new conventional bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage. Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, equipment purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. Special provisions apply for loans exceeding \$50,000. Interested producers should contact the FSA office for additional details.

## ***\*Dates To Remember\****

**August 3** ----- Final date to request reconstitutions  
**August 3** ----- Final date to submit nominations for COC elections  
**August 14** ---- Final date to report corn, grain sorghum, soybeans and other crops  
**August 14** ---- Final date to signup for DCP and ACRE programs  
**Continuing** – Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP signup)

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