

Committee election over

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Perkins County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Teri Moss announced that county committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in: Donald R. Hajek was elected to represent LAA # 2.

Committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community.

For more information about county committees and the election process, please contact the Perkins County FSA office at (308) 352-4747 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Foreign Buyers

Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing.

Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

IRS Form 1099's

FSA will no longer issue IRS Form 1099-G and/or 1099-MISC if a producer's total reportable payments are less than \$600.

In addition, FSA will only issue one IRS Form 1099-G and/or 1099-MISC for producers participating in multiple counties.

Producers receiving reportable payments that total \$600 or more before withholdings were applied are still being issued an IRS Form 1099