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Program Reminders

Crop report deadlines:

May 15: Wheat, Barley, Oats

June 30: Corn, Tobacco, Soybeans, and all other land use

We are currently accepting applications for the following programs:

Livestock Compensation Program

Crop Disaster Program

Non-Insured Assistance Program



2008 Cropland Certification

Reports must be filed for all cropland, whether idle or planted, on any farm from which USDA benefits are being received. The reporting deadlines are as follows:

May 15-Wheat, Barley, and Oats

June 30-Corn, Tobacco, Soybeans, CRP, Hay, Pasture and all other land uses.

Home certification will be available upon request. Aerial photos and tract summary sheets will be provided so you can mark the location and record the acreage planted at your convenience. When completed, simply return the information back to the FSA office and you will be notified when your reports are ready to be signed.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop.

Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.



Tobacco Buy-out Changes

November 1, 2008 is the deadline to correct or transfer TTPP contracts to be effective for the 2009 payment.



Disaster Program Expanded To Cover 2007 Crops

Eligible farmers who suffered crop losses that occurred before **Dec. 31, 2007**, can now apply to receive disaster payments. The Disaster Program provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses, due to weather, to 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in more than one year will receive payments for the most beneficial year. **Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for Crop Disaster Program benefits.** Producers must have suffered losses in excess of 35% to be eligible.



Livestock Compensation Program Extended

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive compensation for feed losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, due to a natural disaster. Benefits can only be received on one of these years.



Emergency Loans

Emergency loans are now available to producers who have suffered a loss in crop production or physical loss to livestock or livestock products due to drought and high temperatures. To be eligible you must show a 30% loss, have an acceptable credit history, are unable to receive credit from commercial sources, and have repayment ability. Applications will be accepted through **May 12, 2008**.



Conservation Compliance

All participants in USDA programs are required to have a conservation system in place on all the highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate. Please contact the FSA office if unsure.



USDA Loan/Grant Energy Program

Loan guarantees and grants are available to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements, through **USDA-Rural Development**.

Eligible applicants may seek loan guarantees to cover up to 50% of a project's cost, not to exceed \$10 million. Grants are available for up to 25% of a project's cost, not to exceed \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements and \$500,000 for renewable energy systems.

Applications must be completed and submitted to: USDA-Rural Development, 853 South Beckford Dr., Henderson, Nc 27536; no later than **4:30 pm on June 16, 2008**.

Information and assistance is available by contacting **Chuck Sadler at (252) 438-3134, Ext. 4**.



County Committee Elections

From June 15 through August 1, farmers can nominate eligible peers from the Cunningham, Woodsdale, or Holloway townships, as candidates for election to the Person County Farm Service Agency County Committee. Nomination forms will be mailed with the June newsletter.



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