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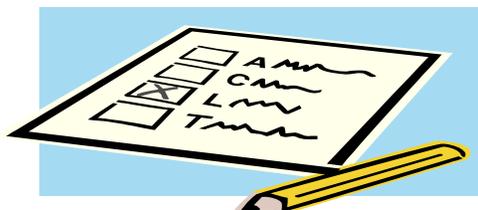
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# RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

From June 15 through August 1, farmers can nominate eligible peers from the Brower, Pleasant Grove, Coleridge, Columbia, Grant and Liberty Townships, as candidates for election to the Randolph County Farm Service Agency County Committee. Nomination forms will be mailed with the June newsletter.

## YOUTH LOANS

FSA makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to individual rural youths age 10 to 20 to finance income-producing projects. The project must be organized and operated with the assistance of an advisor such as a 4H or FFA leader. Loan funds may be used to buy seed, livestock, equipment or supplies; buy, repair or rent needed tools and equipment; and pay operating expenses for the project. Projects provide practical business experience and help young people begin building a credit history. For more details, please contact Tom Simmons, Farm Loan Manager at (336) 342-0460.

## POLICY FOR SPOUSES AND AGENTS

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle a spouse to review or receive agency records of their spouse.

If you would like for your spouse to be able to obtain your FSA records, please mail us a written statement indicating that you give your spouse permission to do so. You may also stop by the FSA Office to sign a statement. This also applies to

anyone acting as your agent.

## SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom: Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years; will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm; agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA; and does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Socially disadvantaged groups are Hispanics, American Indians, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and Women.

## TOBACCO BUY-OUT CHANGES

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



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## NAP PRODUCTION REPORTING

Production records for individual crops need to be filed with our office to establish an approved NAP yield. If this is the first year you participated in NAP, you can provide production and acreage information from prior years to establish your yield. If you participated in NAP in previous years, you must report your production and acreage on a yearly basis to keep your yield up-to-date. Records submitted must be reliable and verifiable. Records need to show crop disposition. We recommend producers submit 2007 production records as soon as harvest is complete. All production records must be submitted by the subsequent crop year's final acreage reporting date (June 30, 2008).

## 2008 CROPLAND CERTIFICATION

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

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

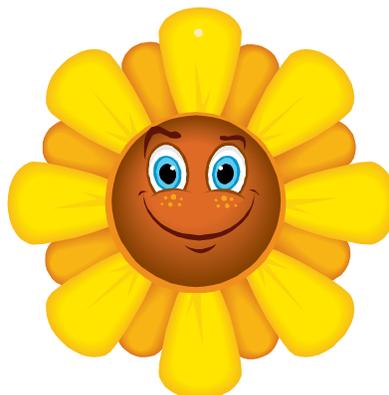
## RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY (RMA)

FSA is required to assist RMA and insurance providers in monitoring crop conditions throughout the 2008 growing season. FSA is required to refer to RMA suspected cases of fraud, waste, and abuse of the FCIC Program. Producers may report suspected cases of fraud, waste, and abuse to their local County Office.

## 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. Several areas where problems can arise with complying with a conservation system are: renting new cropland, purchasing new land, breaking out additional cropland, planting different crops such as soybeans, and changing or removing existing conservation practices.

It is very important that you contact the FSA office before doing any of the above. Also, it is very important that you contact our office before modifying, tiling, draining, dredging, filling, or leveling - any wetland or drainage ditch. Failure to obtain advance approval for any of these situations can result in loss of all Federal payments and eligibility.



## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium, poppies and other drug producing plants.

## LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides benefits to **livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters**. Randolph County is a qualifying county due to excessive heat in 2007. To be eligible for LIP, an owner's livestock or contract grower's livestock **must have died in an eligible county as a direct result of excessive heat in 2007**.

The following types of livestock may be eligible for LIP:

- chickens, broilers, pullets;
- chickens, chicks, layers, roasters;
- swine
- turkeys, toms, fryers, roasters
- sheep
- dairy cattle
- beef cattle
- goats, bucks, does
- goose, geese, gosling, ducks
- buffalo, beefalo
- catfish, crawfish
- deer
- equine

For complete eligibility, payment rate and other details please contact your local FSA office.

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