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# Duplin County News

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Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COC Meeting/Date  
Monthly 1st Thurs. - 9 AM

County Committee:  
Doane Cottle, Chairperson  
Dwight Sholar, Vice-Chair  
Marshall Britt, Member  
Samuel Boney, Advisor

Staff:  
Janet Lanier  
Barbara Murphy  
Libby Berry  
Larry English  
Bob Rouse  
Becky Quinn  
Valerie Longfellow

Farm Loan:  
Carlton Grady  
Paula Dail  
Maxine Norris

County Executive Director  
Jerdine M Kenan

District Director:  
D Warren Hepler



## COC Election Update

The period to nominate candidates for the upcoming county committee election is **closed**. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in local administrative area 2 (LAA-2) by November 3. The last day to return voted ballots to the county office is December 4. The newly elected county committee member takes office January 1, 2007.

## Farm Producer Meeting

The Duplin County COC and Staff invite you to a meeting for all interested farm operators, landowners, producers and warehouse operators on Thursday, August 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Duplin Commons Agricultural Building, Kenansville, NC.

Ralph Price, Price Support Division of the NC State FSA Office, will be the key speaker bringing to you the most current issues involving commodity loans, eLDPs, beneficial interest, and grain warehouses.

The county office staff will also present information to you on other programs and program requirements including Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Tobacco Transition Payment Program, Non-Insured Crop Disaster Program, 2006 COC Election, and Farm Loans.

Please contact the county office by Tuesday, August 22 of the number in your party to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

## Reasonable Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with

disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If special accommodations are required, please contact the FSA office at 910 296-2193 ext. 2 and we will be happy to make any necessary arrangements.

## Commodity Loans Maturing

Producers with 2005 commodity loans for farm stored corn and soybeans may mature in August and September. Take a second to view the condition of the grain during this weather pattern of humid air and fluctuating temperatures.

Grain under CCC loan cannot be removed without prior authorization or repayment. Unauthorized removal, which includes, removal for cleaning for seed or planting, is a violation and is subject to monetary and administrative penalties. **Loans are subject to spot-check. Don't move - call first!**

## It's Not Too Late...

...to sign-up for 2006 Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program, but having missed the June 1 deadline will cost you a late-filing fee of \$100 per farm.

You have until September 30 to sign-up for the 2006 DCP.

Remember, when signing the 2006 contract, contract shares should correspond with (1) the shares and risk and (2) control of base acreage reported on acreage reports.

Succession to contract shares for 2006 must be reported by September 30, 2006.

**NAP Coverage:** The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available and is produced for food or fiber.

The application deadline date for 2007 NAP crops ranges from September 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007. Check the 'dates to remember' below for upcoming crops and deadline dates.

**FSA Farm Loans**

FSA makes both direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution or other lender.



FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed and supplies. The loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

**Changes To Beneficial Interest Policy**

**Open storage:** Producers who deliver to a CCC-approved warehouse, and the commodity is placed in open storage for a term of 15 calendar days or more will lose beneficial interest on the 16th day of the physical delivery unless an approved warehouse receipt is provided to the producer.

**Unapproved Facilities:** Producers who deliver commodities to a facility where the commodity is commingled with commodities from other producers are ineligible for a marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment, if the facility is not authorized by state or federal law to store such commodities for the benefit of producers.

Deliveries of a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, feed mill, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery, regardless of any agreement between entity and the producer.

**This hasn't changed,** you must have beneficial interest in the commodity when applying for loan or LDP. Beneficial interest must be maintained for the duration of the loan.

Dates to Remember	
Sept. 1	NAP Application closing date: Sage, Strawberries (Matted Row Plantings Only) , Value loss crops
Sept. 4	Labor Day Holiday. FSA offices will be closed.
Sept.30	Final application date for 2006 DCP contract revisions.
Nov. 3	County Committee election ballots mailed.
Nov. 20	NAP Application closing date: Apples, Blackberries, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Grazing (Grass/Mixed Forg), Hay (Mixed Forg & Grass), Honey, Lespedeza, Peaches, Pecans, Plums, Raspberries.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans Continuous CRP Report farm record changes and bank changes <b>Outreach</b> - Do you need a speaker for your function – Call FSA 910 296-2193x2.

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