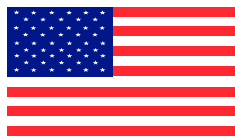


Henderson-Polk-
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NEWSLETTER

Issue No. 1



COUNTY COMMITTEE

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Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday
8 am to 5 pm.

REMINDERS!!!

- Sept. 4 the Office will be closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 30 is the final date for 2006 DCP contract revisions
- Nov. 3 the County Committee election ballots will be mailed
- Dec. 4 the voted ballots must be returned to the Office

USDA



Farm Service Agency

September 2006

New Guy in Town

Next time you are in the Office, say hello to the new County Executive Director. Kelly Springs was hired into this position at the beginning of August. He graduated from Clemson University in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy. Since then, he has worked in the fertilizer industry and most recently, Clemson University Department of Plant Industry where he was the program manager for the Organic Certification Program and Seed Certification Program.

Please welcome Kelly and his wife Meredith into the area!

NAP Coverage

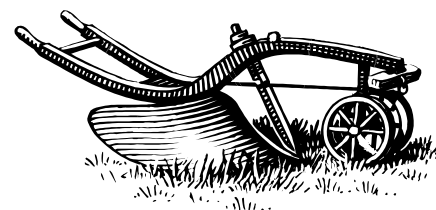
Producers with **2006 NAP coverage** must remember to:

- 1) Timely file acreage reports
- 2) Keep track of harvest production and bring in production evidence to the Office
- 3) File a "Notice of Loss" up to 15 days after the loss is apparent
- 4) Do not destroy crops for which there is a loss until a Loss Adjuster has released the crop

Producers wanting **2007 NAP coverage** must sign up by:

Sept. 1: Value Loss Crops (ornamental nursery, aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, turf grass sod, etc.)

Sept. 30: Barley, oats, wheat, rye



Nominees for County Committee Election

County committee elections give farmers and ranchers an important opportunity to ensure that their FSA county committee represents them. The following individuals were nominated for the upcoming County Committee Election. They are as follows:

Henderson County LAA 2

Ellen Carland

Jason Davis

Polk County LAA 4

Jeff Searcy

Congratulations to the County Committee Nominees!!!

Final Counter-Cyclical

USDA began issuing final 2005 CC payments for barley on July 21, 2006. The final payment rate is \$0.13 per bushel.

Producers will not receive 2005 CC payments for wheat or oats since their effective prices exceed target prices. The final 2005 market price was \$3.42/bu for wheat and \$1.63/bu for oats.

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Upcoming Events:

Our FSA Office will be setting up a booth at two upcoming festivals. The Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, September 9 in Polk County. The Farm City Day will be held on Saturday, October 1 in Henderson County.

Please stop by and show your support for your local community and farmers!!!



Updating Farm Maps

You may have recently received a letter from our Office including an aerial map of your farm. We are now in the process of updating our records and we need your help. In order to ensure that we have the correct boundaries for your farm and fields, we are asking that you review your farm map and let us know if the boundaries are not correct. So far, we have mailed out maps for Henderson County. In the next couple of weeks, we will follow up with Polk and Transylvania County.

This map is used only for FSA programs. It has no bearing on tax office records.

Loan Deficiency Payments

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) are available when the average market price of a commodity falls below the target price. The LDP rate will be the rate in effect in the county where the commodity is marketed, stored, fed, or delivered. You must apply for an LDP by signing a CCC-633-EZ form.

Please be sure to call our Office to check on the daily LDP rate after harvesting and before selling your corn.

