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CROP REPORTING DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 15

Spring planted crops and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage must be reported no later than August 15. This extension is for 2008 only due to implementation of the 2008 Farm Legislation. **Crop reports must now include planting date. Producers who have crops covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must report those crops prior to beginning harvest. Late reports will cost a minimum of \$46 per farm number.**

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATING PETITIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The 2008 County Committee election will include the local administrative area (LAA) two in Lincoln County and LAA four in Gaston County. LAA two in Lincoln County includes *Howard's Creek and Lincolnton Townships*. LAA four in Gaston County includes *Cherryville and Dallas Townships* in Gaston County.

Organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers may nominate eligible candidates. Any producer residing in the County Committee's jurisdiction may nominate eligible candidates. Socially disadvantaged individuals and minorities are urged to file nominating petitions. Nominating petitions will be mailed to all eligible voters no later than June 15, 2008. Nominating petitions can also be requested from the county office. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the County Committee, or postmarked, no later than August 1, 2008. A Nominating Petition is included with this newsletter and may be used for nominating candidates.

ENROLL NOW IN CROP SUBSIDY DIRECT & COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Producers can now enroll in the crop subsidy DCP. This program pays guaranteed and market based payments to farmers based on their crop bases including wheat, barley, oats, corn, grain sorghum, and cotton. Advanced payments will be available in July. All producers must enroll and submit required documentation no later than September 30. Producers can not receive payment on farms with 10 acres or less of crop base, unless the farm is entirely owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource producer.

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NONINSURED DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The NAP program is designed to offer disaster assistance for crops for which there is no multi-peril crop insurance available. The coverage level is fifty percent of the expected production. So, you must have greater than a fifty percent loss in order to be eligible for an indemnity payment on the crop loss. There is a \$100 dollar fee for each crop covered, with a maximum of \$300 per county.

Each eligible crop has a 'closing date' by which the \$100 fee must be paid. No late fees are accepted. Most closing dates occur February 28 for spring planted crops. Other closing dates are as follows: **September 1** – Strawberries, Sage, Value Loss crops including Ornamental Nursery, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng, Turf Grass Sod, Mushrooms, Floriculture, Strawberry Root Stock; **September 30** – Rye; **November 20** – Alfalfa, Blackberries, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Lespedeza, **Pasture, Grass Hay**, Honey, Pecans, Plums, Raspberries; **January 1** – Beets, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chives, Cilantro, Greens, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnips.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **NAP PRODUCERS MUST REPORT LOSSES NO LATER THAN 15 DAYS AFTER LOSS OCCURS**
- ❖ **Crop reporting deadline has been extended until August 15, for 2008 only.**
- ❖ **This office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day**
- ❖ **We can now accept signed forms by FAX without prior signature documentation**
- ❖ **DO NOT mow or otherwise disturb CRP acreage from April 15 to September 1. The State FSA Committee authorized changing the nondisturbance date from Sept 15 to Sept 1.**
- ❖ **Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to the Farm Service Agency within 90 days of the closing.**
- ❖ **Producers must request farm record changes involving dividing or combining farms or tracts (reconstituting) no later than August 1 .**

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