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# Hoke County News

## Hoke County USDA Service Center

### Hoke County FSA

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### Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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### Reminders

The deadline for reporting  
Small grains is May 15<sup>th</sup>,  
All other crops June  
30,2007

The office will be closed  
On May 26, 2008 in  
observance of Memorial  
Day.

### CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

**Spring and Summer Seeded crops must be reported by June 30, 2008.** Crops not planted by the final reporting date have fifteen days from the date planted to avoid late file fees. **Producers may call the Office and schedule an appointment for certification.**

**Prevented planting and failed acreage should be reported.** Prevented planting occurs when a crop cannot be planted during the established planting period because of a natural disaster. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date. Failed acreage is acreage timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster-related conditions, the crop failed before it could be harvested. Acreage reports for failed acreage should be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Producers must be able to prove to the County Committee's satisfaction that a crop failed or was prevented from planting because of disaster-related conditions.

**NONINSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**—If a crop is damaged, the producer must report a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the event of damage even though the intent is to carry the crop to harvest. At no time should the producer destroy a damaged crop without a crop adjuster's inspection. If the crop fails within the planting period, the producer must replant if conditions are practical to do so. The producer's decision to replant or not to replant may affect his eligibility for assistance.

**NAP DEADLINE: June 30, 2008** is the deadline to provide 2007 production evidence. This information is very important for APH yields in the event of crop losses.

### **LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)**

This program extends payments to eligible producers who suffered livestock grazing losses throughout the 2007 crop year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2007). To be eligible under LCP, livestock must be dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that are physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period and have been maintained only for commercial use of part of the farming operation.

Livestock excluded from this program are wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

### **LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM (LIP)**

Applications are being accepted for 2007 losses of livestock due to extreme heat. **This program also includes losses to contract growers.** Applicants must provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock death occurred as a direct result of extreme heat conditions. Please contact our office for more information on required documentation.

### **CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)**

We are still accepting applications for crop losses for the higher of 2005, 2006, or 2007 crop years. Please review your records and make sure that you have applied on all units that you had losses on. No deadline has been announced for filing, however, we are encouraging you to please review your records as soon as possible.



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**CREP**- Farmers in the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, Chowan, Lumber, White Oak, Yadkin-PeeDee, Cape Fear (including Jordan Lake), Roanoke, and Pasquotank river basins are able to take advantage of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP will reimburse farmers for retiring cropland or pastureland surrounding streams, ponds and rivers from agricultural production. Program participants will receive annual rental payments, cost-share assistance, and other financial incentives for a period of 10-15 years for installing and maintaining filter strips, riparian buffers, tree planting and wetland restoration practices. Eligible cropland must have been row-cropped 4 of the 6 years between 1996 and 2001. Marginal pastureland is also eligible, but only for riparian buffers, and if the land is adjacent or parallel to streams.

**CONTINUOUS CRP**- The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment. To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year.

**2008 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**- Nominations petitions for Local Administrative Area III (consisting of Quewhiffle and Blue Springs) are being accepted for the upcoming 2008 Election. Eligible voters of this LAA may use the enclosed Form FSA 669-A, Nomination Petition to nominate an eligible candidate for the upcoming election.

**HOKE COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION- PRESENT USE VALUE PROGRAM** - The use value program (farm and forestry program) is a volunteer state mandated program designed to give tax exemption relief to specific landowners and their property that is being soundly managed in the production of an agricultural, horticultural or forestry commodity. Applications are taken during the regular listing period each year from January 1 thru January 31. For more information, please contact Jenny Gibson Tax Assessor, Hoke County Tax Office at 910-8758751.

**REMINDERS:**

- **June 30, 2008** Deadline to report spring seeded and summer seeded crops.
- **Please report any changes to addresses or direct Deposit information, this will prevent delays in processing payments.**
- For more information about FSA and its programs visit the FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

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