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Disaster Program Signup

Our office continues to accept and process disaster program applications. These applications include production losses for insured crops that incurred losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007. Applications are also being accepted for livestock feed losses for losses incurred during specific times in 2005 or 2006 and for all of 2007. No signup deadline has been announced.

Crop Certification

Operators will be sent certification appointments and map packages in early May. Please follow the instructions that will be enclosed with each mailing. The final date to report 2008 crops is June 30, 2008. All crops can be reported at the same time.

Rural Youth Loans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization or with a vocational teacher or county extension agent. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. Contact your local FSA office for more details.

Sodbuster/Swampbuster

Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Be sure to have determinations made on any new land you plan to plant to annual crops. If you plan to plant a different crop on your current cropland, check with NRCS to assure the new crop will qualify under your conservation system.

Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to make possible the planting of a crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits. To avoid this possibility it is strongly recommended that producers check with NRCS before starting any kind of land work.

Direct Deposit Reminder

Producers should notify the FSA office of any bank account changes that will affect your direct deposits from this office.

Farm Bill Information

Our office continues to receive questions regarding the status of the Farm Bill. We do not know anything definitive. As soon as we know more information we will notify you.

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Emergency Farm Loans

The FSA office is currently accepting applications for emergency loans from eligible producers that have been affected by the 2007 drought. Producers must have suffered a qualifying physical loss or a production loss of at least 30 percent in a single crop. Producers must not be able to obtain credit elsewhere. The application deadline is May 12, 2008. Contact the FSA office for more information.

FSA Signature Requirements

Proper signatures on Farm Service Agency contracts, applications and forms must be submitted before the document will be considered as filed. All entities, including revocable and irrevocable trusts, corporations, partnerships, estates, etc., must provide evidence of signature authority stipulating those individuals who are authorized to represent the entity. FSA cannot accept signatures without such documentation on file. Examples of acceptable evidence include trust agreements, corporate charters or resolutions, partnership agreements and court orders of appointment. Spouses can sign for one another on most program documents unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office staff. An FSA-211 may be filed to delegate signature authority for FSA program purposes to another individual.

Outreach

The Farm Service Agency is committed to informing all persons of the programs that it administers. As part of the Outreach Plan for the Northampton County FSA Office, the County Executive Director will be available to speak to groups upon request. You may contact this office at 252-534-5331.

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