



# USDA

## Farm Service Agency



# PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN-CURRITUCK

## County News

### JUNE 2010

#### **PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN-CURRITUCK**

#### **County FSA**

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about FSA programs,  
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Website at:  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **JUNE 15, 2010**

Deadline to submit new  
Forms to IRS

#### **JUNE 30, 2010**

Deadline to file all  
cropland

#### **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS – “FSA COUNTS ON YOU”**

Once again, it is time to start thinking about County Committee Election Nominees! One of FSA's responsibilities is to conduct County Committee Elections in an open manner that ensures accountability. Our office will provide local organizations representing socially disadvantaged groups with detailed information about the COC election process. FSA is reaching out to agricultural communities to get equitable representation on their County Committees.

This year the nomination process allows you to nominate an individual who would represent LAA 1 PASQUOTANK County – NORTH OF HWY. 17 / HWY. 158, that Steve Harris currently represents, and LAA 3 CAMDEN County – NORTH OF HWY 158, that Craig Carey currently represents. Candidate nominations will be accepted **JUNE 15 through AUGUST 2, 2010**. Producers who are residents in the LAA's holding the election and who participate or cooperate in an FSA program and are of legal voting age may be nominated to serve on the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

**The nomination form, FSA-669A, is attached and is also available at the county office.** To be valid, the nomination form must be signed by the person being nominated, indicating agreement to serve if elected. The completed nomination form must be returned to the county office by the close of business on **AUGUST 2, 2010**.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS, NOMINATE AND VOTE !!!**

- ❖ **JUNE 15, 2010** – NOMINATION PERIOD BEGINS
- ❖ **AUGUST 2, 2010** – Last day to file nomination forms at the FSA Office
- ❖ **NOVEMBER 5, 2010** – Ballots to be mailed
- ❖ **DECEMBER 6, 2010** – Last day to return Ballots to the County Office
- ❖ **JANUARY 1, 2011** – Elected Committee Members take office

#### **2010 CROP CERTIFICATION**

The annual, timely and accurate reporting of acres for ALL crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a variety of FSA programs. All cropland on the farm must be reported to receive benefits from the DCP, LDP and marketing assistance loan programs.

**ALL CROPLAND MUST BE REPORTED, whether planted, idle or CRP by JUNE 30, 2010.**

#### **2010 DCP SIGNUP**

All pending DCP paperwork is due back to the FSA as soon as possible. Payments cannot be made if the proper paperwork is not completed.

#### **PREVENTED PLANTED**

Prevented Planted is the inability to plant the intended crop with proper equipment by the final planting date for the crop type because of a natural disaster. To be considered timely filed, producers who request prevented planting acreage credit

- **Must** report the acreage (FSA-578)
- **And** complete form CCC-576 **within 15 calendar days after the final planting date.**

#### **FAILED ACREAGE CREDIT**

Failed acreage is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but failed before harvest due to disaster related conditions. If you have crop insurance, please notify them before the final crop reporting date and stop by our office to report the crop as failed for planting history credit purposes. If you do not have crop insurance, you must notify us prior to disposition of the crop for a field visit to be performed. **Form CCC-576 must be completed** for planting history credit and to support the date reported.

#### **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME COMPLIANCE – IRS Deadline JUNE 15, 2010**

Individuals & entities who received FSA program payments in 2009 and/or who intend to receive FSA program payments for 2010 are required to complete & submit a consent form to IRS. The new form is CCC-927 for individuals and CCC-928 for legal entities, and are available at the FSA Office. Producers must mail the form directly to IRS by **JUNE 15, 2010**.

Producers who choose not to submit the consent form will be determined noncompliant with AGI limitations for the applicable program year and will be required to refund program payments.

#### **SURE – Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program**

Producers who suffered crop losses during the **2008** crop year are encouraged to participate in the new **SURE** Program.

#### **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) –**

##### **- TRANSITION INCENTIVES PROGRAM (TIP)**

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amendments to the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, authorized \$25 million for the transition of expiring CRP land from a retired or retiring owner or operator to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

##### **- TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ORCHARDISTS AND NURSERY TREE GROWER (TAP)**

USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters occurring on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011. TAP was authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill and is funded through the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund.

Please see the FSA Office for more information on both of these CRP programs.



### **EMERGENCY DESIGNATION**

On March 18, 2010 Secretary Vilsack declared a natural disaster in the state of NC based on losses caused by excessive rain & flooding that occurred from Nov. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009. As a result of this natural disaster, PASQUOTANK, CAMDEN & CURRITUCK counties were declared eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) Loans for eligible family farmers. Any farmer who suffered a production or physical loss may be eligible to apply for an EM Loan. November 18, 2010 is the deadline for filing an application. Contact the Farm Loan Office at (252) 426-5802.

### **FARM LOAN**

Farmers who are unable to obtain sufficient credit from their normal lender may receive an application package from the FSA Staff. Loans are available for annual operating, term operating and real estate. Targeted funds are available for beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged (race/gender) persons.

Please contact a member of the Farm Loan Staff at (252) 426-5802, Ext. 2 or 338-1070, Ext. 2, for additional information about the Farm Loan Programs.

**Beginning Farmers & Ranchers:** Are you a farmer or rancher who has substantially participated in the farming operation for at least three years but no more than 10 years? If so, you may qualify for beginning farmer targeted loan funds with the Farm Service Agency.

### **WOOL & MOHAIR PROGRAMS**

If you are a sheep farmer, you may be eligible for a LDP – Loan Deficiency Payment. Please contact the FSA Office for more information.

### **ONLINE SERVICES**

Producers, if you have Internet access, you can electronically log on, fill out and print a variety of FSA paper forms in the comfort of your home as your schedule allows. You can also register for secure electronic access that will allow you to electronically sign and transmit some forms directly to the county office staff.

If you are new to the website, first you will want to obtain a Level 2 USDA Service Center Customer ID and password at: <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/> and then click on "Create an Account Page" link. If you need assistance, call the FSA Office at 338-1070, ext. 2.

### **PROGRAM OUTREACH**

Our office is committed to ensuring that all persons are aware of programs and benefits available to them. FSA programs are administered to ensure equal opportunity for participation and services for all persons. You are encouraged to share this newsletter with others and to contact this office if you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list.

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the FSA. If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call the FSA office and we will be happy to make any needed arrangements

### **REMINDERS:**

- Please contact the FSA Office with any changes such as: new owners, operators, names, addresses, etc.
- Contact the FSA Office of any banking changes that may affect your direct deposit.
- Contact the FSA Office before any grain under loan is removed. Failure to do so violates your CCC loan agreement.

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