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RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



FARM SERVICE AGENCY NOMINATING PETITIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Randolph County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee election will be held this year for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 on December 1, 2008. LAA 3 includes the townships of: Brower, Pleasant Grove, Coleridge, Columbia, Grant and Liberty.

Eligible voters in LAA 3 have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice by petition. **Blank petitions (FSA-669A's) will be mailed to all known eligible voters and are included in this mailing or these petitions may be obtained from the county office.**

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County or Community FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote.

To ensure diversity on county and community FSA committees, the Randolph County FSA encourages nominations from groups representing producers who are fairly representative of agricultural producers in each LAA and the committee encourages nominations from socially disadvantaged groups.

Any interested person who would like more information on committee nominations or the committee election process should contact the county office.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES:

June 16, 2008Nomination period begins
Aug. 1, 2008Last day to file nomination
Nov 3, 2008Ballots mailed to eligible voters
Dec 1, 2008Last day to return voted ballots

January 1, 2009 Elected member takes Office

OFFICE RELOCATION & CLOSING

The Randolph County FSA Office will be closed July 7-9 2008 due to relocation. Our new address will be 847 Curry Drive, Suite 101, Asheboro, NC 27205. (Near K & W Cafeteria, McDowell Road Exit off US HWY 220)

SODBUSTING

The term "sodbusting" is used to identify the plowing up of erosion-prone grasslands for use as cropland. Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands that converted native vegetation such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after Dec. 23, 1985. Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility to participate in Farm Service Agency programs.

Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If Natural Resources Conservation Service indicates on a CPA-026 that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage, before bringing land into production. In addition, producers and the producer's affiliates have to file an AD-1026 with the staff in the administrative or control county office before any farm program payments can be made. The AD-1026 is the producer's signed certification that HELC, as well as wetland conservation, provisions will not be violated.



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2008 COMPLIANCE

Compliance and spot checks will once again be utilized during the 2008 crop year. Instead of locally selecting farms, contracts, deficiency loans, etc. for spot check and review, a nationwide selection of producers is used to achieve a statistical sampling of participating producers. Spot check selections are to be conducted based on a producer's participation in Conservation Reserve Program, Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Loan Deficiency Program, etc.



The Randolph County FSA Office will be closed July 4, 2008 in observance of Independence Day.

FARM RECONSTITUTIONS

In FSA program terminology, farms are constituted to group all tracts having the same owner and the same operator under one farm serial number. When changes in ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary.

The reconstitution—or recon—is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by **August 1** for farms enrolled in specific programs.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract; **Default Method** — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

LCP AND LIP SIGNUP DEADLINE

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that livestock producers have until **July 18, 2008**, to enroll in the 2005 - 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). Signup began on Sept. 10, 2007, for the two programs that provide aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 30, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

For more information please contact your local FSA office for program sign-up details.

GENERAL REMINDERS

- **Report losses on NAP crops or any other crops within 15 days of loss**
- **Report changes in farm operation or farm ownership timely**
- **Report any banking changes affecting direct deposit**
- **August 15, 2008 last day to report all spring and summer seeded crops including CRP, hay and pasture.**
- **June 30, 2008 is the last day to submit production for 2007 crops for NAP yields.**

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