

SAMPSON COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWSLETTER

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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM 2007

Producers can begin making applications for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) which provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from the 2007 drought.

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must: be dairy cattle, beef cattle, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, or deer that have been physically located in Sampson County on January 1, 2007. Livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the beginning date of the disaster period, not grown under grower contract, and not have been produced and maintained for reasons other than a commercial use as part of a farming operation. Such excluded uses include, but are not limited to, wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

Eligible producers must have owned livestock on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period and suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs or incurred additional feed cost as a result of an eligible disaster.

Livestock producers must submit a completed application in their administrative county FSA Office and provide adequate proof, as determined by FSA, that the feed loss or incurred additional feed costs were for the claimed eligible livestock.

PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE SAFETY DAY

Children between the ages of 8 and 13 are invited to attend Safety Day on Saturday, May 10th from 8:30 to 3:00. Topics for demonstration and discussion include; first aid, meth awareness, tractor, ATV, lawnmower and farm equipment safety, chemical, fire, electrical, bicycle and firearm safety. Each participant will receive a t-shirt, bicycle helmet, sun visor and assorted safety items. This event is located

at Fann Farms, 5 miles north of Salemburg near the intersection of Hwy 242 and Tyndall Bridge Rd. A fee of \$2.00 per participant with a maximum of \$5.00 per family will be charged. Checks should be made payable to Sampson County 4-H.

Space is limited to the first 150 applicants to register. Pre-registration deadline is May 1st. For details contact Sampson County 4-H @ (910)592-7161 or David Naylor @ (910)564-2940.

NAP NEWS

- 1) Be sure to provide production records each year for ALL non-insurable crops planted. Producers who file NAP claims for 2008 crops MUST provide the prior year production records before filing a claim or no later than the date you file your crop report. June 30, 2008 is the absolute final date.
- 2) Furnishing your production evidence in the good years helps build your crop APH. The better the APH the better your crop guarantee.
- 3) FSA will conduct random pre-harvest inspections for the 2008 crop year.
- 4) Crops planted and harvested before June 30 must be reported **15 days** prior to harvest due to growing season and pre-harvest inspections.

Dates to Remember

May 15	Final date to report wheat, barley, oats, rye, tritacale and other small grains
May 31	Final date to obtain 2007 crop corn, cotton, soybean, or grain sorghum loan or LDP
June 30	Final date to report summer-seeded crops and CRP acreage.
June 30	Final date to filing 2007 NAP production evidence to be used for 2008 APH computation

Please exercise caution this planting season!

WETLAND VIOLATIONS

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Before starting any earth or dirt work on the farm, discuss your plans with the staff at your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office. Converting wetlands to cropland use is a violation of swampbuster provisions and could result in the loss of USDA program benefits.

OUTREACH

FSA is committed to providing updated information to all. If you would like an FSA Representative to address your group please contact Kettrell Strickland at (910)592-4791. To receive your newsletter via email contact: kettrell.strickland@nc.usda.gov

Beware of Crop Insurance Rebating Schemes

The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebate offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal.

RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate regulatory action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. Producers who are found to participate in illegal rebating activities will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs. Producers

and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: **1-800-424-9121**.

C-C PAYMENTS FOR GRAINS & OILSEEDS

Based on supply/demand and price projections from USDA's World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates, producers of crops **other than** cotton and peanuts, will not receive a second partial counter-cyclical payment. When effective commodity price projections are equal to or more than their respective target prices; the commodities do **not** qualify for counter-cyclical payments.

LIVESTOCK INDEMNITY PROGRAM

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters. Sampson County is a qualifying county due to excessive heat in 2007. To be eligible for LIP, an owner's livestock or contract grower's livestock must have died in an eligible county as a direct result of excessive heat in 2007. Contract growers of the following types of livestock may be eligible for LIP:

- chickens, broilers, pullets;
- chickens, layers, roasters;
- swine
- turkeys, toms, fryers, roasters.

A sign up deadline has not been set. For complete eligibility, payment rate and other details please contact your local FSA office.

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