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GREETINGS TO THE WAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY

My name is Kevin Wooten; I am the incoming CED for the Wake County FSA office. I come to the Raleigh FSA office after 4 years as CED in the Tyrrell/Dare FSA office. I am excited about working with the staff in this office to provide producers and landowners in Wake County with FSA programs and services. I look forward to becoming involved in the agriculture community in Wake County. Further, I am energized about getting the opportunity build a relationship with everyone that makes agriculture in Wake County as success. Please contact our office if you have any questions concerning FSA programs and services.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP) & 2007 LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM (LCP)

Signup for the **2005/2006/2007 CDP** began on October 15, 2007. Producers who suffered quantity losses of 35% or more on crop(S) planted in 2005, 2006, or 2007 may be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers who incurred a qualifying loss in any of these crop years must choose one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers who purchased Catastrophic (CAT) insurance coverage may also be eligible for CDP benefits even though an indemnity was not paid by your crop insurance company. The **2005-2007 LCP** program provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers that suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2007. The following livestock are eligible under LCP if they were physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period and were maintained for commercial use during the same disaster period: dairy & beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine, and deer. In order to be eligible for LCP, producers must have owned or cash-leased the eligible livestock on the beginning date of the disaster period and suffered an eligible feed loss or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the disaster event. For more information concerning the CDP or LCP program, contact the Wake County FSA office.

2008 CROP CERTIFICATION

The Wake County FSA is now accepting 2008 crop reports. Producers are reminded that the crop reporting deadline for small grain crops is May 15, 2008. The reporting date for all other commodities is June 30, 2008. **Producers are reminded to report any failed or prevented crop acreage to our office. Failed acres should be reported to our office within 15 days of the disaster event and prior to disposition of the crop. Prevented planted acres should be reported to our office within 15 days of the final planting date.** Timely filed crop reports can prevent a loss of benefits from FSA programs. Producers may contact our office to schedule a certification appointment or visit our office to complete your 2008 crop certification.

NORTH CAROLINA DISASTER DECLARATION

The state of North Carolina has been declared a natural disaster state by the US Secretary of Agriculture in response to damages and losses caused by drought and high temperatures that occurred from January 1, 2007 and continued through the end of 2007. As a result of the declaration, 85 counties have been declared eligible for federal disaster assistance, including FSA emergency loans for eligible producers. Wake County is included in the counties eligible for disaster assistance. Emergency loan applications will be accepted through May 12th, 2008. For additional information concerning emergency loans, please contact Mr. Sidney Long, Farm Loan Officer for Wake County at 252-459-4111.

TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM (TTPP)

The Wake County Farm Service Agency has completed the approval process to disburse the 2008 TTPP payments. The January TTPP payments were issued by direct deposit or by Treasury Check after FSA has approved the payment. **Anyone that is currently receiving a Treasury Check but would like to receive future payments through direct deposit should contact our office to complete the necessary documents to enroll in direct deposit.**

CONTINUOUS CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)

The Continuous CRP program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll environmentally sensitive land in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources. The 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 including maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment. Land owners may enroll in the program at any time during the year. Participant and acreage eligibility must be met for enrollment. Contact your local FSA office for further details concerning the Continuous CRP program.

NEW COUNTY COMMITTEE ADVISOR APPOINTED

The Wake County Farm Service Agency welcomes Dale Threatt-Taylor as the new advisor to the Wake County FSA Committee. Ms. Threatt-Taylor will be serving her first term as advisor to the COC and will be an asset to our organization. The Wake County FSA COC looks forward to working with her in this capacity.

REPORT CHANGES TO FSA

FSA would like to remind producers to report any changes in your farming operation to the county office. Land ownership changes, operator changes, and acreage changes should be reported as soon as possible. Changes in the ownership of your farming operation should also be reported to our office by April 1st of each year. Timely notification of any and all changes will help ensure that producers remain eligible for FSA program benefits.

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