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2007 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE  
NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN

The Alamance County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting nominations for candidates to run for the FSA county committee representing producers in Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA 3). Nominations will be accepted now through Aug. 1, 2007. Producers who are eligible to vote in LAA 3 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 a candidate. Also, organizations representing socially disadvantaged minorities and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates.

Each year an election is held to replace a member whose three-year term expires. This year an election is being held for LAA 3. Currently, Edward L. Dixon serves as COC member representing this local administrative area (LAA). LAA 3 includes the townships of Albright, Patterson and Newlin. Candidates nominated must reside in LAA's for which the election is being held. There are some exceptions.

All farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers are encouraged to participate. The county committee provides local input on commodity price support loans and payments; establish allotment and yields; conservation programs; disaster assistance payments and programs.

Nomination petitions (FSA-669A's) can be found on the reverse side of this newsletter. Additional election information and petitions are also available at the county office or online at our website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

**IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES**

- August 1, 2007.....Last day to file nomination form
- November 2, 2007 ..... Ballots mailed to eligible voters
- December 3, 2007.....Last day to return ballots

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP producers are reminded to provide 2007 production data to the county office by June 30, 2007. This information will be used to update the actual production history for the crops for which NAP coverage has been purchased.

CROP REPORTING

The final reporting date is JUNE 30, 2007 for the following crop:

Corn , Soybeans, Grain Sorghum, Cotton, Hay crops, Pasture, Turf Grass Sod, Silage Crops, Fruits for Commercial Uses Industrial Crops, Vegetables for Commercial Use, Ornamental Nursery and Floriculture Crops. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To qualify for benefits under the Direct and Counter Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP), operator and/or owners required to file a complete acreage report for all cropland on the farm.

NAP producers are reminded to report their fruits, vegetables, hay crops, silage crops, floriculture, ornamental nursery, turf grass sod, and industrial crops.

Participants in the Conservation Reserve Program must file acreage reports for the land for which they are to receive an annual CRP payment(s).

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Official Business

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP) SIGNUP EXTENDED**

The deadline for signing 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical program (DCP) contracts has been extended to **Friday, August 3, 2007**. All required signatures must be obtained on the contract in order to be considered timely filed. Late filed applications will be accepted through September 30, 2007, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee.

Producers eligible to share in direct and counter-cyclical payments are:

- An owner on an eligible farm who meets the definition of producer on base acres
- A producer (other than an owner) on base acres with a share-rent arrangement or cash lease agreement

Land-owners cash leasing land to another is not a producer on the cash rent land and is ineligible to receive DCP payments. Exception: haying & grazing

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**OFFICE CLOSINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**



**FARM RECONSTITUTIONS**

In 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.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program.

**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.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.

**PREVENTED PLANTED**

Producers are also reminded to report prevented planting and failed acreage. Prevented planting occurs when a crop cannot be planted during the established planting period because of a natural disaster. Producers who request prevented planting acreage credit must report the acreage on FSA-578 and complete CC-576, Part B within fifteen days after the final planting date. COC must make a determination of eligibility on each request for prevented planting acreage.

Prevented planted credit has to be approved by COC and is not automatically given at producer's request.

**REPORTING CROP DAMAGE**

Producers are asked to report crop damage to the FSA office immediately. This includes damage as a result of drought, wind, hail, excessive rain, etc.

**FAILED ACREAGE**

Producers are advised to report failed acreage also. Failed acreage is acreage that was timely planted with the intent to harvest, but because of disaster related conditions, the crop failed before it could be brought to harvest.