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CASWELL County News

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2007 DCP Sign-up Starts October 1st

Sign-up for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) begins on **Oct. 1, 2006**. The CCC-509, "Direct and Counter-cyclical Program Contract," includes base acres, payment acres, payment yields, producer payment shares, advance direct and counter-cyclical payment selections and signatures of the producer and county office representative.

The CCC-509 must be submitted by **June 1, 2007**, to be considered timely. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509. Forms with signatures that are obtained after June 1, 2007, but before Sept. 30, 2007, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file fee of **\$100**.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of the program for any year if they so choose. Producers must file the following documents to be eligible for DCP payments: the annual DCP contract (CCC-509), a farm-operating plan (CCC-502 and related forms), an average adjusted gross income certification (CCC-526), a certification of compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions (AD-1026).

A certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm (FSA-578) is also needed before final payments can be issued.

Emergency Loans (EM)

On August 28, 2006, Sec. Johanns declared a disaster in 2 Virginia counties caused by extreme drought and higher than normal temperatures that occurred from March 1, 2006 and continuing.

Two NC counties are affected by this designation and they are Rockingham and Caswell counties.

Effective August 28, 2006, EM loans may be made available to farmers in these counties who qualify for production losses, pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and in accordance with the provisions set forth in FmHA Instruction 1945-A, para. 21.

Please contact Farm Loan Manager, Tom Simmons for more information at: 336-342-0460 x2.

County Committee Election

There were two nominations received for candidates for the Caswell County FSA County Committee. The nominees are:

Barbara Lovelace and G. Irvin Thompson

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in LAA 1 by Nov. 3. Voted ballots must be returned to the county office by Dec. 4.

Farmers who serve on the county committee help make decisions necessary to administer federal farm programs offered in their communities. County committees make decisions on agricultural issues such as commodity price support loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster payments and employing county executive directors.



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Loan and LDP Information

Loans or LDPs are available for producers who share in the risk of producing crops. To be eligible for an LDP, you must maintain beneficial interest (maintain title, control of the crop) in the crop through the time of application. Producers who have contracted the commodity, sold directly off the field, or immediately fed the commodity should have filed a CCC-633EZ page 1 to maintain eligibility for an LDP. The CCC-633EZ page 1 needs be signed prior to harvest. Producers who deliver grain under a delayed pricing contract lose beneficial interest upon delivery in most cases.

Commodities harvested for other than grain (such as hay or silage) are also eligible for LDPs. Applications should be made after harvest and prior to feeding or selling. The maximum eligible quantity is based on actual production of grain for the farm. If actual production is not available, the county committee will assign a yield based on three similar farms in your area. Yield for crops that sustained weather damage will be based on the insurance appraisal.

Interest rates vary monthly and are based on the month of approval. Rates are subject to change January 1.

Loan repayment options, include:

- repay the loan, principal plus interest
- repay the loan at the market repayment rate
- deliver the outstanding quantity to a designated warehouse

When commodities are under loan and used as collateral, they may not be moved without prior written consent from the county office. **CALL BEFORE YOU HAUL!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 – DCP signup begins

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