

FSA News

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Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

When participating in the DCP program, producers agree to the following:

- Comply with HELC and WC provisions on all land
- Devote acreage equal to the base acreage to an agricultural or conserving use
- Effectively control noxious weeds and otherwise maintain base acres according to sound agricultural practices.
- Not plant perennial FAVs or harvest annual FAVs
- File an acreage report with respect to **ALL** cropland on the farm
- Notify FSA when there is a transfer of or change of interest of a producer.

Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs

Craven and Carteret Counties are two of the ten counties in North Carolina approved for implementation of the Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs. The sign-up for these programs began on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. An ending sign-up date has been established as of this date. Listed below are the four programs that were approved for the Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Program.

Hurricane Indemnity Program (HIP)

To be eligible for HIP assistance, producers must have received either a 2005 or 2006 (RMA) Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Indemnity payment for insured crops; or 2005 or 2006 NAP crop loss payment. The payment must have been for Hurricane Ophelia during the disaster period of September 11, 2005 through November 11, 2005. The crop loss must have been due to: excessive rain, flooding, excessive wind, tornado, hurricane, storm surge and/or salinity due to salt water intrusion.

The Craven-Carteret County FSA mailed postcards to all producers listed on the RMA Download. If you did not receive a postcard and think you may be eligible for HIP, contact our office immediately.

Tree Indemnity Program (TIP)

TIP will provide funds to eligible owners of commercially grown fruit trees, nut trees, bushes and vines that produce an annual crop and were lost or damaged due to Hurricane Ophelia. Owners must have incurred costs of at least \$90 per acre for replanting, rehabilitation, clean-up or debris removal. TIP excludes crop production.

Feed Indemnity Program (FIP)

The FIP program will provide funds to eligible livestock producers who suffered a feed loss or an increased feed cost during the disaster period (September 11 – November 11, 2005) as a direct result of Hurricane Ophelia. The feed must have been for eligible livestock. Eligible livestock include beefalo, beef cattle, buffalo, dairy cattle, deer, goats, horses and sheep. Non-adult beefalo, beef cattle and buffalo that weighed less than 500 pounds are not eligible. Livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation. Livestock produced for reasons other than commercial use such as wild free-roaming or recreational use such as pleasure, hunting, and pets or for show are not eligible.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

LIP will provide payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who suffered eligible livestock deaths as a direct result of Hurricane Ophelia. Eligible livestock include beefalo, beef cattle, buffalo, dairy cattle, deer, equine, goats, and poultry, including egg producers, sheep and swine. Livestock must have been maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation on the day the livestock perished. Livestock produced for reasons other than commercial use such as wild free-roaming or recreational use such as pleasure, hunting, and pets or for show are not eligible.

Lien Searches

Current regulations affecting Lien Searches for Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL) have been revised for commodity loans of less than \$25,000. The local county FSA Office will not be required to conduct a lien search unless state line search laws require such, or there is a risk to CCC, or anyone had a violation in the previous year. **However**, producers are responsible for pledging commodities which are free and clear of all liens, security agreements, and other encumbrances. If a lien does exist, the producer is responsible for obtaining a lien waiver. A CCC-10 must be filed by the producer if one has not been previously prepared.



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Official Business

County Committee (COC) Elections

We want to acknowledge an error in the May 2, 2006, Craven-Carteret County Office Newsletter. We stated the local administrative area for Carteret County was LAA-4, which represents the White Oak Community and is currently being represented by Mr. Robert M. Riggs of Stella. This was incorrect. The local administrative area up for election this year is LAA-5, which represents the Morehead, Newport, Beaufort-Harlowe and East-Merrimon communities. Mr. L. M. (Mickey) Simmons is currently representing this area. We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Nomination petitions (FSA-669As) have been mailed. You should have received this form by now, if not, you should be receiving it within the next week. If you did not receive a nomination petition and you are interested in nominating a candidate for the COC, please contact our office. Petitions must be received in the county office, or postmarked, by **August 1, 2006**.

Reporting Prevented-Planted and Failed Acres

Producers who suffer failed acres and/or who are prevented from planting must report these acres to their local FSA office within certain time periods. For prevented planted acres, producers must report the acreage on a FSA-578 (Crop Report) and complete a manual CCC-576 **within 15 calendar days** after the latter of the occurrence or the end of the planting period for that crop. Failed acres must have been reported as failed before the disposition of the crop; and must have been planted under normal conditions but failed as a result of a natural disaster and not a management decision.

For crops covered under the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), a notice of loss must be provided **within 15 calendar days after** the disaster occurrence or date damage to the specific crop acreage is apparent to the producer. Prevented planted acres are the same as listed above.

REMINDERS

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| May 17 | Sign-up began for the Section 32 Hurricane Disaster Programs. Contact our office for further details. |
| June 1 | Final date to enroll in Direct & Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). Late-filed applications will be assessed a \$100 late-filing fee. |
| June 30 | Final date to report spring seeded crops (Tobacco, Corn, Cotton and Soybeans). The 2006 Boll Weevil Eradication Program fee is \$3.25 per acre. |
| August 1 | Final date to return COC nomination petitions. |

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