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2006 DCP PROGRAM

It's not too late to sign-up for the 2006 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), but having missed the June 1st deadline will cost you a late-filing fee of \$100 per farm. You have until September 30, 2006 to sign-up for the 2006 DCP.

September 30, 2006 is also the final date for producer contract shares to be revised on a farm.

Producers that plant fruits and vegetables are reminded to contact their local FSA Office prior to planting on DCP farms to avoid possible reductions in payments and planting violations. Producers shall protect DCP base acreage from erosion and shall control weeds, including noxious weeds, on base acres.

CROP CERTIFICATION

The initial certification deadline of June 30th has passed. Producers are reminded that crops planted after June 30th are to be reported within 15 days of planting or a late file penalty fee will be charged to the producer. Remember all land on the farm must be accounted for to be eligible for program benefits.

Remember to report prevented planting and failed acreages also. Prevented planting occurs when a crop cannot be planted during the established planting period because of a natural disaster. To be timely filed, prevented planting reports must be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the applicable crop.

Failed acreage reports must be filed before disposition of the crop, and producers must be able to establish, to the satisfaction of the County Committee, that the crop failed and was prevented from being replanted through the normal planting period because of natural disaster conditions.

REQUESTING LDP'S FOR 2006

To request 2006 crop loan deficiency payments, you must use the CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request. Be sure to complete and sign **page 1** of the EZ form as soon as possible and certainly before losing beneficial interest. This covers all farms and all crops in all counties. This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.

Then depending upon the crop, **page 2, 3, or 4**, is used to request an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest. Form CCC-633 EZ, **page 2, or 3 or 4** for each LDP payment must be submitted in person, by fax, by mail or by filing electronically.

For the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDP's. You can use LDP Web site to request LDP's if you have E-Auth and page 1 has been received in the county office. Contact your local FSA office for more information.

TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM

Contract holders or family members of the contract holder need to remember to timely visit the FSA Office when there is a change in the status of the ownership of the contract. Transfer of contracts exempt from maximum discount rates are allowed in 3 situations: 1) transfer of contract due to death of the contract holder upon presentation of a copy of a death certificate; 2) transfer of contract to family members and 3) transfer of contract to owner of permanent marketing quota assigned to existing contract holder's property.

The deadline for filing the applicable form CCC-971, Transfer of Tobacco Transition Payment Program Contracts Exempt from Maximum Discount Rate, for the 2007 payment is November 1, 2006.

Contract holders should also remember to report any changes in their addresses and/or their banking information due to direct deposit.



FARM RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report changes to your local FSA county office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. A land survey or plat is always helpful. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in farm programs.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

FSA make both Direct and Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating loans to family size farmers, ranchers and socially disadvantaged groups who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. The loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements. Farm Loan Programs available include: Direct and Guaranteed Farm Ownership or Operating Loans, Emergency Loans, Rural Youth Loans and Beginning Farmer Loans. Contact the Cumberland County FSA for more information.

YOUTH LOANS FSA makes loans to rural youth between the age of 10 to 20 years to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other youth organizations. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

AGENTS NEED SIGNED STATEMENT

Private crop insurance company representatives will now be required to produce a signed statement from you, the producer, when requesting map photocopies and acreage reports (FSA-578) from the Farm Service Agency. The statement must specify the crop year and the related documents that you want reproduced for the insurance agent.

Insurance agents will be required to pay \$1.00 per map photocopy and @0.20 per printed page for acreage documents. Producers may request this information themselves at no cost. County offices are not responsible for mailing copies to private crop insurance company representatives. Loss adjusters can request photocopies of maps and printed documents by submitting forms FSA-426 or FSA-426-A.

REMINDERS:

- Ballots for upcoming election for LAA 1 will be mailed around November 3rd, 2006.
- Remember to report NAP crop losses within 15 days of apparent loss. Crop loss adjuster will need to appraise NAP crop before destruction of the crop. Keep good production records.
- USDA's website is <http://www.usda.gov/>.
- The office will be closed September 4th, 2006 in observance of Labor Day.

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