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Duplin County News

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Hours
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COC Meeting/Date
Monthly 1st Thurs. – 9 AM

County Committee:
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Marshall Britt, Member
Samuel Boney, Advisor

Staff:
Janet Lanier
Barbara Murphy
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Tobacco Buy-out Signup Deadline for 2007

Quota holders and producers not currently enrolled in the Tobacco Transition Payment Program have until November 1, 2006 to signup in order to receive a 2007 TTPP payment. Tobacco payments will be issued in January.

USDA, also, reminds tobacco quota holders and producers that they have until November 1, 2006, to sell their remaining eight annual payments to a successor in order to receive a lump-sum payment. Call 1-800-673-2331, the National Tobacco Processing Center, for more information on lump sum payments.

Producers and quota owners, who do not complete this process by November 1, can arrange for the sale of their remaining seven payments beginning January 16, 2007.

Final DCP Payments for 2006

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be directly deposited into personal bank accounts during the month of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (September 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage times the farm's direct payment yield times the direct payment rate.

Payment Limitation

USDA Payments and benefits are subject to producer eligibility and limitation provisions as defined by law. Documents and forms to determine eligibility and limitation once completed are reviewed on an annual basis. It is the producer's responsibility to report changes in the farming operation that may affect payment eligibility and payment limitation. Limitations are as follows:

- 1 DCP all covered commodities (except Peanuts)
 - Direct-\$40,000 – CC-\$65,000
 - Direct - Peanuts - \$40,000
 - CC Peanuts -\$65,000
- 2 EQIP Cost share & Incentive-\$450,000 (02-07)
- 3 CRP Rental & Incentive - \$50,000 (annual)
- 4 LDP & Loan Repayment Gain - \$75,000
- 5 NAP - \$100,000

2007 DCP Signup Starts October 1st

Sign up for the 2007 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program begins on October 1, 2006. The 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 contract. CCC-509's with signatures obtained after June 1, 2007, but before September 30, 2007 will be accepted along with a late file fee of \$100 per farm.

Farm producers must apply for DCP on an annual basis and can opt out of the program for any year if they so choose.

To be eligible producers must file CCC-509 (DCP contract), CCC-502 (operating plan and related forms), CCC-526 (adjusted gross income certification), AD-1026 (HEL and WC compliance), and FSA 578 (certification of the acreage of all cropland on the farm).

County Committee Election

The 1st step in the county committee election ended August 1 with one nominee. The next step is the mailing out of ballots, which will begin on November 3. Voters have until December 4 to return their properly completed ballots to the county office. The elected committee member and alternate take office on January 1, 2007.

Reporting Losses

If you had any failed crop acres, report them before destroying crop evidence. If Congress authorizes a crop disaster program in the future, proof of failed acreage may be required for your participation. It's important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest to the county office staff prior to destruction. Ensuring that failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments.

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. For losses on crops covered by the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must contact the county office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent.

Farm Loan Programs

FSA makes direct and guaranteed loans to family farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain commercial credit.

FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment or for operating expenses.

We also have a Youth Loan program for loans up to \$5,000.00 for youth ages 10 to 20.

If you would like more information on any of these programs, please contact Carlton Grady or Paula Dail at (910) 296-2193 or info is available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA then click the link for Farm Loan Program.

Loan and LDP Information

Loans or LDP's 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 to be signed prior to harvest. Commodities harvested as other than grain (hay, silage) are also eligible for LDP's. Producers who deliver grain under a delayed pricing contract lose beneficial interest upon delivery in most cases.

Electronic Loan Deficiency Payments (eLDP) are available to producers who have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. The eLDP is an internet based service allowing producers to request certified LDP's on line, get approval and most times receive payment within 48 hours.

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	
Sept. 30	NAP Application closing date: Rye
Sept. 30	Final application date for 2006 DCP contract revisions and late signup
Oct. 1	2007 DCP sign-up starts
Oct. 9	Office closed for Columbus Day
Nov. 1	TTPP 'buyout' transfer or successor in interest for 2007
Nov. 3	Committee Election ballots mailed
Nov. 9	Office closed for Veterans Day
Nov. 20	NAP Application closing date: Apples, Blackberries, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Grazing (Grass/Mixed Forg), Hay (Mixed Forg & Grass), Honey, Lespedeza, Peaches, Pecans, Plums, Raspberries.
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans Continuous CRP Outreach – Need a Speaker CALL (910)296-2193

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