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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am -5:00 pm

County Committee

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Committee meets on
the 2nd Thursday of
each month at 9 a.m.

Staff

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PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

DCP Direct	\$40,000
DCP CC	65,000
Peanut	
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DCP CC	65,000
Price Support	75,000
CRP	50,000
NAP	100,000
CDP	80,000

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Loans and LDP's

As harvest time approaches, there are a few changes in the loans and LDP regulations. The open storage policy has been revised in regards to beneficial interest. Deliveries of a commodity to unapproved CCC warehouses will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery **regardless** of any other action between such an entity and the producer. Producers who deliver to a CCC-approved warehouse must provide acceptable production evidence to the FSA Office. For more information about delivery to approved warehouses, please call our office. A new form, CCC-633 EZ, will be used for LDP's for the 2006 crop year. These forms were mailed to all producers earlier in the year. If you did not sign and return this form to the FSA office, please come by as soon as possible. This form represents your intent to receive LDP benefits, if available. You must file the CCC-633EZ before beneficial interest in a commodity is lost. If there are any questions regarding beneficial interest with loans and/or LDP's, please call our office for more information.

DCP Payments

2006 Advance Direct Payments are being processed for any farms that have not already received an advance payment earlier in the year. The second part of the direct payment will be sent out in October. The 2005 final counter-cyclical payment rate for peanuts will be announced in September and in October for cotton. This rate will be based upon the price of each crop during the time period of August 1, 2005 – July 31, 2006. If applicable, additional payments will be processed as soon as the rate is announced. There is a possibility that producers who received 2005 advance counter-cyclical payments may be required to repay all or a portion of these payments under certain market conditions. Producers will be notified as soon as this information is available. The Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically reduce any DCP payments you receive between October 1, 2006, and October 31, 2007, to satisfy your obligation to repay any unearned 2005-crop advance counter-cyclical payments.

CRP Cover Maintenance

You are required to maintain your Conservation Reserve Program acres according to the conservation plan you agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service technician. You need to make sure you:

- Have adequate approved vegetative cover to control erosion for the contract period
- Control weeds and other types of undesirable vegetation
- Take control measures outside of the primary nesting season.

Please keep in mind mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited. That is why it is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP land.

Farm Loans

Farmers who are unable to obtain sufficient credit from their normal lender may receive an application package from the Farm Loan staff. Loans are available for annual operating, term operating and real estate. Targeted funds are available for beginning farmers and socially disadvantaged (race/gender) persons. Please contact a member of the Farm Loan staff at 252-426-5802 for additional information about the Farm Loan Program.

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Farm Record Changes

Producers are reminded to report any changes in their farming operation in a timely manner. These changes include ownership changes, changes in rented farmland, changes in your Farm Operating Plan, and direct deposit changes.

For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. 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 program.

Reminders

- Non-Insured Crops must be visited before crop is destroyed
- Apply for LDP and/or loans before losing beneficial interest
- Report any failed acreage within 15 days of occurrence
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OUTREACH AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Gates County FSA Office is committed to ensuring that all persons are aware of programs and benefits available to them. FSA programs are administered to ensure equal opportunity for participation and services for all persons to the fullest extent of the law. Representatives are available to present information to community and civic groups and organizations. Anyone interested in having an official meeting with his or her group should contact this office. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment.

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