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Monday - Friday
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County Committee

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

Staff

Donna Stevens
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**FSA Office closed
December 25th for
Christmas Day and
January 1st for New
Year's Day**

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION: Ballots were counted on December 7th for the election in LAA-1. Felton Outland Jr. was elected to the County Committee in this LAA. Congratulations to Felton. He brings farming experience and dedication to the Gates County COC. Felton will take office in January. We also thank Sidney Earl Stallings, Jr. for serving on the COC for nine continuous years. His dedication to the Gates County FSA Office is deeply appreciated.

NEW ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS: For the 2007 crop year, all new eligibility forms MUST be completed. This includes CCC-502's, Farm Operating Plan; AD-1026; CCC-526; CCC-570 and any other forms that may be associated to your farming operation. If you farm as a joint venture, partnership or a corporation, please bring with you supporting documentation for your farming operation such as annual corporation minutes, partnership agreements etc. Specific documentation on what persons can sign for the entity needs to be addressed in your documentation. If this is not addressed, then a power of attorney form needs to be completed at the FSA office for all parties to sign. If you have questions regarding this, please call or come by the FSA office. These determinations have to be completed before any 2007 payments are to be made. So if you find yourself on a rainy day having nothing else to do, visit us at the FSA office and we can get you started on your paperwork.

NEW CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP): Signup for a new Longleaf Pine Practice (CP-36) to increase longleaf pine forests begins December 1, 2006, at FSA Offices. To be eligible for this program, land must be located in the National Longleaf Pine Conservation Priority Area (which includes Gates County) and must be capable of being restored to a viable ecosystem. Enrollment runs until the 250,000 acre goal is met, or December 31, 2007, whichever comes first. NC has been allocated 32,250 acres. Contact your local FSA Office for more information on this program and other conservation programs.

FARM RECONSTITUTIONS: When changes in operation or ownership take place, a reconstitution involving a division and/or a combination may be required to properly constitute the farm. If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded. Please submit all requests for divisions and/or combinations as soon as possible.

PREVENTED PLANTING: The final planting date for wheat in Gates County was December 5, 2006. Some producers may not have planted some of their wheat or none at all. According to regulations, you have 15 days after the final planting date to report prevented planting commodities due to a natural disaster such as excessive rainfall. Please come by the FSA office if you fall into this category and report your prevented planted wheat. You must have had intentions of planting before credit can be approved. Copies of receipts from the purchase of seed may be required. **All small grain must be reported by May 15, 2007.**

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February 28, 2007—Sales closing date for crop insurance on corn, soybeans, cotton, and tobacco. If you are planting crops other than these, you need to contact a crop insurance agent to check on the final sales closing date.

The GATES County FSA Office will be closed Monday, December 25th, for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Day.

The staff of the GATES County FSA Office would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We appreciate all the hard work the farmers of Gates County do for us each day providing a food source for Americans. Hope your New Year is one of the prosperous years of all! Merry Christmas!

Reminders

- ▶ Keep a close check on LDP rates; grain rates change daily; peanut rate change on Wednesdays and cotton rates change on Friday
- ▶ Liens on crops; it is the producer's responsibility to obtain any lien waivers necessary to obtain a CCC loan
- ▶ NAP producers need to report all production for yield purposes.
- ▶ CRP does not become effective until all crops are harvested or destroyed on the approved acres. Measurement service will be completed on the approved acres as soon as crops are gone.
- ▶ Obtain prior approval before modifying any wetland or drainage ditch.

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