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**FSA County Committee Election**

The election of agricultural producers in LAA-3, which consists of **Jason, Shine and Bullhead townships**, to Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a direct link between the agricultural community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Greene County has three nominees for the upcoming election. The nominees are: **Audie Murphy, Kenneth Smith, and Greg Harrison**. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in LAA-3, which consists of **Jason, Shine, and Bullhead townships**, by **November 3, 2006**, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by **December 4, 2006**.

**Who Can Vote** - Agricultural producers of legal voting age can vote if they participate or cooperate in any FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm can also vote. Check with your local FSA office for voting requirements and eligibility.

**Changes to the Loan and LDP Program**

The following are some of the regulatory changes to the Loan and LDP program:

\* **Beneficial interest provisions** – In the past, loan program regulations did not state that a producer loses beneficial interest in a loan eligible commodity when the commodity is delivered to a dairy, feedlot, ethanol plant, feed mill, wool pool or other end-use facility. **The regulations were amended to state that beneficial interest is**

**lost when a loan eligible commodity is delivered to one of the previously mentioned facilities.**

\* **Lien searches and financing statements** – After reviewing the costs incurred by CCC and the benefits to CCC, CCC will limit its use of lien searches for loans greater than \$25,000 and file financing statements only for farm-stored loan disbursements of \$25,000 or more.

In the past, CCC conducted lien searches on all loans regardless of the loan amount. CCC may, however, conduct lien searches and file financing statements for loan disbursements of \$25,000 or less when there is reason to believe that CCC's interests will not be protected.

\* **Use of form CCC-633 EZ** – In an effort to simplify the LDP request process, CCC recently issued a new LDP form, CCC-633 EZ. The CCC-633 EZ is a two-part form consisting of an agreement, which is page 1 of the CCC-633 EZ, and a request for benefits, which is either pages 2, 3 or 4, depending on the commodity.

**2006 LOAN RATES**

Wheat -\$2.57, Barley-\$1.59, Oats-\$1.33, Corn-\$2.24, Grain Sorghum-\$3.66, Soybeans-\$5.07, and Cotton-\$ .5330

**The Greene County FSA Office will be closed Monday, September 4, 2006 in observance of Labor Day.**



## **EQIP (Equal Quality Incentives Program)**

### **What Is It?**

This program address conservation concerns on private lands and is a federally funded cost share program. Participants apply for conservation assistance and may receive between 50 and 90% cost share. Some of the practices include: Long-Term No-Till for five consecutive years with 80% ground cover residue, Waster Storage Facility for dry litter, Lagoon Closures for old or abandoned lagoons, Water Control Structures, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, Grassed Waterways, Early Succession Wildlife Habitat, Incinerators, Field Borders, Filter Strips, Forest Site Preparations, and others

## **CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)**

### **What Is It?**

This program is designed to address water quality and wildlife on private lands by planting buffers of either trees or grasses along water bodies. Federal and State Cost Share are provided along with annual payments. We have 15 year, 30 year, and Permanent Easements available for those interested.

### **How Do I Apply?**

Call or visit Greene County Soil & Water Conservation/ Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information please call (252) 747-3705 ext.3

## **NC Ag Cost Share Program**

The Greene County Soil and Water Conservation Office has announced the start of the NC Ag Cost Share Program for the 2006-2007 year. This program is designed to assist farmers and landowners to better manage their land or farm operations. The program provides technical and financial help. This year we will have two sign up periods with the first one running from **August 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006**. The second sign up period will run from **January 1, 2007 through April 30, 2007**. Anyone interested in this program should contact the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation office at 747-3705 ext 3.



### **Program Reminders**

- Upcoming sales closing dates for NAP coverage: Oats and Rye – Sept. 30, 2006, Strawberries – Sept. 1, 2006, Value Loss Crops(Ornamental Nursery, Aquaculture, Christmas Trees, Ginseng, Turf Grass, Mushrooms, and Floriculture – Sept. 1, 2006.
- Producers are asked to update their address and banking information and any ownership changes that may have taken place.

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