



# USDA



## Farm Service Agency

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# Halifax County News

### Halifax USDA Service Center

**Halifax County FSA**  
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### Hours

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### County Committee

Michael Morris  
John Branham, IV  
Andy Adkins  
William Evans  
Vergie Johnson

**Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.**

### Staff

Sophia Floyd  
Jill H. McDonald  
Carol Peebles  
Alice Short  
Debbie W. McGee, CED

**Northampton County Staff Assisting Halifax during June, July, and August**

Calvett Buffaloe  
Lena Price

### District Director

Patricia Mabry

### 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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**FSA OFFICE  
CLOSED**

### 2006 COC Election Information

COC Nominations of eligible persons from LAA-3 are being accepted through August 1, 2006. Anyone may nominate an eligible individual to be placed on the ballot. **LAA-3 includes the Roanoke Rapids, Weldon, Littleton, and Darlington areas.** Eligible voters in LAA-3 will be able to vote for the candidate of their choice this fall.

### Thank You

Our office wants to thank all producers for completing their maps at home this year. This process helped our office complete this task within the required timeframe even though our office is currently understaffed. Thanks to each of you.

### Crop Reports

Please remember to report:

- Double Cropped Acreage when planted
- Failed acreage before disposition of the crop

### 2006 Planted Acreage

Cotton	- 70,397	Corn	- 6,736
Tobacco	- 1,656	Wheat	- 2,750
Soybeans	- 13,521	Peanuts	- 4,815

### It's Not Too Late

...to sign-up for the 2006 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, but having missed the June 1 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. Remember, when signing the 2006 contract, contract shares should correspond with (1) the shares and risk and (2) control of base acreage reported on acreage reports. Contact the county office staff for details.

### 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.



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Official Business

### **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**

- COC Nomination Period ends on August 1, 2006
- Non-Insured Crops must be visited before crop is destroyed
- Apply for LDP and/or loans before losing beneficial interest
- Report Double Crop acreage when planted
- Report any Direct Deposit Changes

### **OUTREACH AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Halifax 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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