



# USDA



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## Halifax County News

### Halifax USDA Service Center

**Halifax County FSA**  
PO Box 250  
Halifax, NC 27839-0250  
252-583-4511 (phone)  
252-583-1099 (fax)

#### 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

**July 4 – FSA OFFICE CLOSED**

### 2006 COC Election Information

Farmers and ranchers can nominate eligible persons from **LAA-3 (Roanoke Rapids, Weldon, Littleton, Darlington areas)** as candidates for election to the Halifax County Farm Service Agency County Committee through August 1. This is an important time for the community because county committee members make decisions that have significant effects on you and the area's agricultural sector as a whole.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet basic eligibility requirements. Contact the county office staff or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections> for details about candidate eligibility. Nomination forms can be obtained at the county office or online at the above address.

Remember, the nomination period runs through August 1. Voting takes place in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by November 3. December 4 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2007. Make a Difference: Nominate and Vote!

### Crop Reports

The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments. To be timely, you must file a FSA-578 by June 30.

To be considered timely, acreage reports for:

- prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop
- failed acreage must be filed before the disposition of the crop.

### CCC-633-EZ Reminder

Remember, we've switched to the CCC-633-EZ form. It's a one size fits all form you can use to indicate your intention to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest.

### Requesting LDPs for 2006

To request 2006 crop loan deficiency payments, you must use the CCC-633 EZ, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request. Here's an explanation for each page of the form.

**Page 1** – Producer's *intention to request* LDPs in the future.

- Must be signed before beneficial interest is lost.
- Terms and conditions for requesting LDPs.
- Covers all farms and all eligible crops in all counties.
- Submit one to the county office staff. Remind staff of other counties where you have farming interest.
- This is your intention to request an LDP in the future. It is not a request for payment.

**Page 2** – Producer's *request for LDP* payment on feed grains, minor oilseeds, rice and pulses.

- Use after grain is harvested and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. The LDP rate will be the rate in effect on the date page 2 is received in the office.
- Can use after beneficial interest is lost. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.
- Use when you wish to receive LDP rate based upon date commodity was delivered to warehouse. You must maintain beneficial interest from harvest through delivery to the warehouse. Complete all required sections including item 23B.



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Official Business

**Page 3** – Producer's request for LDP payment on specific bales of cotton. Bale lists must be presented with payment request.

- Use to lock in a rate when in module. This is irrevocable. LDP rate is based on Average World Price lock-in.
- Use for gin direct LDP. LDP rate is based on AWP on the date cotton ginned.
- Use to lock-in AWP on specific date, after ginning and is irrevocable. The LDP rate is date page 3 received in county office.
- Use when previous other options not used and you have lost beneficial interest. LDP rate based on date you lost beneficial interest in the cotton.

**Page 4** – Producer's request for LDP payment on sheared wool, sheared mohair or unshorn pelts.

- Use when wool or mohair is sheared and in storage. You maintain beneficial interest. LDP rate is based on date page 4 is received in county office.
- Use if beneficial interest is lost at shearing. LDP rate will be the rate in your administrative county office on the date beneficial interest was lost. Must provide production evidence.
- For unshorn pelts, page 4 is submitted within 60 days of slaughter. LDP rate is based upon date of delivery to slaughter company or buyer. Additional sheared wool and mohair and unshorn pelts information may be obtained from the county office.

**Page 5** – Used when additional signatures are needed.

#### 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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