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# FSA UPDATES

**FINAL DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL (DCP) PAYMENTS FOR 2006**

Enrolled producers can expect their **final direct** payment to be made sometime during the first few weeks of October. Producers who did not elect to receive an advance payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum.

Final **2005 counter cyclical** payments for cotton and grain sorghum were issued last week. The payments are in effect due to low market prices during the past marketing season. The payment rate for cotton is \$0.1373 per lb. and grain sorghum is \$0.27 per bushel less any request of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> advance payments.

**SUCCESSION IN INTEREST**

If you have made any changes that affect your interest in base acres since your last DCP contract, you must report these *succession-in-interest* to the county committee by September 30, 2006, so that a final determination can be made on who is program eligible on the property.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

- sale of land
- change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm
- Change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

If a succession-in-interest has taken place, you, as the "predecessor", are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the "successor."

Not reporting a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved.

A revised CCC-509, Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Contract, with all succession changes must be complete with all signatures by September 30, 2006 for all payments to be distributed.

**2007 DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL (DCP) SIGNUP**

Sign-up for the **2007** Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) will begin October 1, 2006 and end on June 1, 2007. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP payments on the farm must sign the CCC-509, Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Contract.

**TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM (TTPP) DEADLINE**

Persons who have not enrolled in the TTPP program (Tobacco Buyout) for the first time or revisions to existing contracts have until November 1, 2006 to file. Those who wish to receive a **lump sum payment from a third party (such as a financial institution or individual)** must also file by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions or need more information regarding these deadlines, please call or visit our office.

**2006 LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM (LDP) AND COMMODITY LOANS**

The Harnett County FSA Office reminds producers to file a **CCC-633EZ**, Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request form to apply for LDP payments. 2006 producers reporting crops other than tobacco and fruits and vegetables were mailed a CCC-633 EZ form earlier this year to be signed and returned to our office. The CCC-633 EZ form replaced the old CCC-633 (farm stored) and CCC-709 (field direct) forms. The CCC-633 EZ (Page 1) allows the individual to indicate their **intention** to receive a loan deficiency payment for all crops planted. Most have returned this form, for those who have not, please do so as soon as possible to protect beneficial interest in each eligible commodity. The

CCC-633 EZ (Page 2, 3 or 4) will be completed at the time producers request an LDP payment. At that time production records will be required for each commodity that has an available LDP rate. An LDP payment is based upon the difference between the posted county loan rate to each covered commodity and the daily CCC determined value for these commodities. Completing the CCC-633 EZ does not make you ineligible for commodity loans.

In the last few weeks there has been an LDP rate on barley, corn, soybeans and cotton. If you are not sure you have a CCC-633 EZ on file, please call or visit our office.

**2006 Commodity Loans:** The loan rates for commodity loans are as follows: Wheat \$2.71, Barley \$1.60, Oats \$1.37, Corn \$2.24, Soybeans \$5.07 per bushel, Grain Sorghum \$3.66 per cwt, and cotton \$0.5330 per lb. The interest rate for all commodity loans dispersed in September is 6.125%.

### **REPORTING CROP LOSSES**

If you had any failed crop acres, give serious thought to report them before destroying crop evidence. If Congress authorizes a crop disaster program in the future, proof to failed acreage may be required for your participation.

It's important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest to the county office staff prior to destruction. Ensuring that failed acres are documented could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments. If you are experiencing low crop yields, you should keep good production records.

The CCC-576, Notice of Loss, is used to report failed acreage and may be completed by any producer with an interest in the crop. For losses on crops covered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), you must contact the FSA county office within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses become apparent. Producers with crop insurance should contact their local agent when losses occur and before destroying the crop.

### **2006 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

The Harnett County FSA Office received the following nominations for candidates to serve on the Harnett County FSA County Committee in Local Administrative Area (LAA) I, Van Leaird, W J McAuley and James Stancil. Voters in LAA I (Anderson Creek, Barbecue, Johnsonville, Upper Little River I & II) will be mailed ballots on November 3, 2006 to elect one candidate to serve a three year term beginning in January 2007. All ballots must be returned or postmarked to our office by December 4, 2006. More information about the election will be forthcoming.

**REMINDER:** Our office will be closed Monday, October 9, 2006 in observance of Columbus Day.

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