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### COMMITTEE ELECTION FOR LAA 1 (Institute, Moseley Hall, Trent 1, & Trent 2) CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY CHARLES SUTTON

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA County Committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because County Committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers. The nomination form is attached along with a Fact Sheet explaining the FSA County Committee Election Process and eligibility requirements. Please review the material and nominate the person of your choice. Nomination Form FSA-669A must be received in the county office or postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Your participation is very important to the future of our agricultural community. Please call our office at 252-523-0524 if you have any questions.

### DCP Enrollment

To participate in DCP, producers are required to designate shares and sign the DCP Contract by program year. Each producer is required to file new eligibility paperwork when signing up for the DCP Program this year. The deadline for signing up is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

### CROP REPORTS

Acreage reports are required if you want to be eligible for Farm Service Agency programs. All small grains were due by May 15<sup>th</sup> and all other crops are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Please call our office if you would like to have your maps mailed to you or come by and pick up your maps and make an appointment to avoid waiting in line. Please remember that **FILING AN ACCURATE ACREAGE REPORT FOR ALL CROPS AND LAND USES, INCLUDING FAILED ACREAGE AND PREVENTED PLANTING ACREAGE, CAN PREVENT THE LOSS OF BENEFITS FOR A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS.** Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

### CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Federal regulations discourage the production of crops on highly erodible cropland unless the land is protected from erosion by an approved conservation system. Status reviews are conducted to ensure producers follow a conservation plan on highly erodible land. In addition to the highly erodible land, a person may not plant an agricultural commodity on wetland converted after December 23, 1985, or convert a wetland to make agricultural production possible after November 28, 1990. Failure to comply with these provisions will cause a person to be ineligible for USDA benefits. County Committees may review noncompliance situations for good faith and provide relief in approved cases.

### Holiday

The Lenoir County FSA Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in observance of Independence Day.

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