



# USDA

## Farm Service Agency

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# Macon County News

## Franklin USDA Service Center

**Macon County FSA**  
189 Thomas Heights Road  
Franklin, NC 28734  
828-524-3175 (phone)  
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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Pat Deal  
Ronnie Vinson  
Edwin Nolen

**County Executive  
Director**  
Paula E. Wyatt

The FSA office will be  
CLOSED Wednesday,  
July 4, 2007 on  
observance of  
Independence Day.

### COC ELECTION

The election of 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 participate in these elections because FSA county committees are a link between the agricultural community and USDA.

To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign the enclosed nomination form FSA-669A. This form includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. Nomination forms for the 2007 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by close of business on August 1, 2007. LAA-3 consisting of the communities of Millshoals, Ellijay, Sugar Fork, East Franklin, and Lower Cowee will be holding the election this year for the seat currently held by Pat Deal.

### ACREAGE REPORTING

Acreage reporting time is here. Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, includes 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.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. Acreage reports are to be certified by the June 30 deadline and July 15 for burley tobacco.

Acreage reports on crops for which NAP assistance may be paid are due in the county office by June 30 or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported.

### NAP NOTICE OF LOSS

Producers participating in the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program or (NAP) are reminded to notify the FSA office of a crop failure caused by natural disaster. In the event of a weather related crop loss, the producer must notify the FSA office by completing a "Notice of Loss" (form CCC-576) within 15 days of the date the damage becomes apparent.

### WOOL AND MOHAIR LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP's) are payments made to producers who, although eligible for a marketing loan agree to forgo the loan in return for a payment on the eligible, wool, mohair or unshorn pelt. To be eligible a producer must meet the definition of an eligible producer, comply with the HELC provisions, produce and shear eligible wool, mohair or produce an unshorn pelt from a slaughtered lamb for unshorn pelts; have beneficial interest in the commodity; own the sheep and goats that produce the wool or mohair for 30 days prior to shearing. To be eligible for an LDP, the wool and mohair must have been produced and sheared by the eligible producer; be in existence and in storable condition; be produced and shorn from live animals of domestic origin in the US; and be unprocessed from its natural form. Please contact the FSA office for more information.

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### **NAP APPLICATION CLOSING DATES**

The application closing date for value loss crops which include: ornamental nursery, aquaculture, Christmas trees, Ginseng, Turf Grass Sod, Mushrooms, Floriculture, Strawberry Rootstock, Sage and Strawberries is Tuesday, September 4, 2007. Producers or ornamental nursery are reminded to bring inventory records with them when they sign up for NAP coverage. The application closing date for barley, oats, rye, and wheat is October 1, 2007. The \$100 NAP fee is required at the time of application. Please contact the FSA office for more information.

### **DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)**

Producers participating in the DCP program are reminded to sign their program contact by the end of