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# Martin County News

## Martin County USDA Service Center

### Martin County FSA

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## Tobacco Buy-out Sign-up Deadline For 2007

Quota holders and producers not currently enrolled in the Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP) have until November 1, 2006, to sign-up in order to receive a 2007 TTPP payment.

The TTPP, also known as the "tobacco buy-out," provides approximately \$10 billion in ten equal installments to eligible tobacco quota holders and producers from 2005 through 2014. Tobacco payments will be issued annually on January 15.

Also, USDA reminds tobacco quota holders and producers they have until November 1, 2006, to sell their remaining eight annual payments to a successor in order to receive a lump-sum payment. Certain requirements must be met to qualify for lump-sum payments. More information on lump-sum payments is available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm> or by calling the National Tobacco Processing Center at 1-800-673-2331. Producers who do not complete this process by November can arrange for the sale of their remaining seven payments beginning Jan. 16, 2007.

For more information about the TTPP, visit the FSA Web site <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobacco/Default.htm>.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS** will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call Bobby Rose at (252) 792-7197

## Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)

The final 2005 CC payment for peanuts, cotton and sorghum has been issued. The final payment was:

**Cotton** \$.0412/pound

**Peanuts** \$31.20/ton

**Sorghum** \$.0810/bushel

less any advance payments paid to you. The last 2005 crop CC payment has been issued for corn and soybeans. The final 2006 Direct payment will also be paid by the end of October.

## LOANS/LDP'S

Loan and LDP activity is picking up and FSA wants to remind producers to file a CCC-633EZ (Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request form) if you have not already done so. The CCC-633EZ (Page 1) allows the individual to indicate their intention to receive a loan deficiency payment for all crops at the first of the crop year in order to protect the individual's beneficial interest in each eligible commodity. The CCC-633EZ will also be used to submit a request for LDP benefits (Page 2, 3, or 4) before or after losing beneficial interest. Operators and Producers will continue to be required to provide acceptable production records on each applicable commodity. An LDP payment is based upon the difference between the posted county loan rate for each covered commodity and the daily CCC-determined value for these commodities.

## FARM RECORD CHANGES

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report these changes to our office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

**UPDATE** banking information as necessary for direct deposit of payments.



### **2007 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION**

In Martin County the County Committee election is being held in LAA -3, which consist of Williamston, Jamesville, and Williams Township areas. Our office received the following nominations for candidates to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee: ***Gwendolyn Doughty, James E. Leathers Jr., Joseph C. Leggett, and Judy J. Roberson.*** One candidate will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2007. Ballots will be mailed no later than November 3, 2006. All ballots must be returned to the Martin County FSA Office or postmarked by December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Ballots will then be tabulated at the Martin County FSA office on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. An eligible voter is an individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm or ranch or if not of legal age then the individual must supervise and conduct the farming operations of the entire farm and must be eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided for by law. In addition, an individual may only vote in his or her designated LAA. The election of responsible agricultural producers to the FSA County Committee is important to all participants. The Martin County Farm Service Agency Office encourages all eligible participants, especially Socially Disadvantaged Producers to become involved in this important process. For more information contact the Martin County Farm Service Agency Office or go online @ <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/> and click on the 2006 County Committee Election Icon.

### **REPORTING LOSSES**

It is important to report failed acreage not brought to harvest prior to destruction of the crop. Ensuring that failed acres are documented in the Martin County FSA office could be the determining factor in whether you are eligible for future crop disaster program payments. A CCC-576, Notice of Loss, form 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 Martin County FSA 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.

**FARM LOAN PROGRAM:** The Farm Loan Program has the following loans available: Operating Loans; Farm Ownership Loans; Direct and Guaranteed Loans; Youth Loans and Emergency Loans when designated. We are here to meet your needs. Contact Carl K. Bond, Martin County Farm Loan Officer, at (252) 792-7197 ext. 107, for more information.

#### **OUTREACH**

FSA is committed to informing all persons of the programs it administers. As part of the Outreach Plan for the Martin County FSA Office, the County Executive Director will be available to speak to groups upon request.

#### **USDA e-AUTHENTICATON SYSTEM:**

The new USDA eAuthentication System will allow you to access USDA web-based applications, forms and services via the internet. You must activate either a Level 1 or Level 2 account through your local FSA office to use this new technology. A Level 2 account permits you to enroll your farms in DCP (eDCP) or request Electronic LDPs (eLDP). For more details, check out the following website: [www.eauth.egov.usda.gov](http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov) or contact your FSA office.