



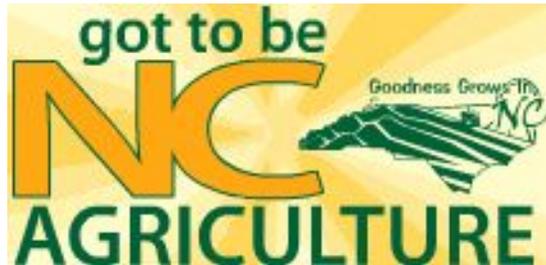
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

The annual North Carolina State Fair will be held in Raleigh on October 13-22, 2006. This will be an opportunity to see many farm products grown in the state and meet friends. The State Fair has something of interest for everyone. "It's Your Fair--Be There and Let The Good Times Grow!"

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FSA provides a safety net to help farmers produce an adequate food supply, maintain viable operations, compete for export sales of commodities in the world marketplace, and contribute to the year-round availability of low-cost, safe and nutritious foods.

FSA enhances the environment by development and implementation of programs to ensure adequate protection of our natural resources.

FSA helps ensure the well-being of American agriculture, the environment and the American public through efficient and equitable administration of farm commodity programs.

FSA helps provide farm ownership, operating and emergency loans, conservation and environmental programs, emergency and disaster assistance, domestic and international food assistance and international export credit programs.

FSA county offices are using every method available through outreach efforts to effectively communicate the availability of FSA program opportunities to all the people, especially the historically underserved communities.

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Have a happy, healthy, nice, and safe Columbus Day Holiday.

PASQUOTANK COUNTY'S FUTURE FARMERS



There is no doubt producers start at an early age. Logan Rogerson, 1½ years of age, is already busy bringing in his corn harvest.



Paige Rogerson, 12 years of age, is instructing cousin Parker Rogerson, four years of age, where to dump his cabbage load.

CONGRESSMAN AND COMMISSIONER VISIT PENDER-NEWHANOVER COUNTY TO DISCUSS STORM ERNESTO DAMAGE

Mike McIntyre, Congressman for Seventh District, and Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visited the office on September 11, 2006, to discuss the agricultural losses from Tropical Storm Ernesto.

They were given a PowerPoint presentation on the losses by Barbara Cottle, County FSA Executive Director and her associates, and then Mr. McIntyre spoke to several of the county producers. Mr. Troxler went out to a cotton farm to view the flood damage.



Shown above left to right: Program Technicians Veronica Bannerman, Kimberly Clark, and Priscilla Powell, Congressman Mike McIntyre, CED Barbara Cottle, and Commissioner Steve Troxler.

DAVIDSON-DAVIE FSA AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION TOUR



Lanny Collett, County Executive Director for the Davidson-Davie County FSA Office, and his co-workers held a most interesting and informative Agricultural and Conservation Tour on August 22, 2006. Lanny is discussing FSA programs to the 76 producers that attended and participated in the well planned and very successful tour.



DUPLIN COUNTY USDA OUTREACH MEETING



Duplin County farm producers attended the outreach meeting on August 24, 2006, at the Duplin Commons Agricultural Building in Kenansville. Ralph Price, FSA Price Support Division, enlightened the large crowd in attendance on issues involving the Loan Deficiency Payment Program, commodity loans and changes in warehouse stored commodities.

Jerldine Kenan, Duplin FSA County Executive Director; Carlton Grady, FSA Farm Loan Manager; and Eric West, Natural Resources Conservation Service, informed the group of farm programs. It was a most informative, interesting, enjoyable meeting and a delicious meal was served.

Shown to the left from left to right: Barbara Murphy, Becky Quinn, Janet Lanier, Jerldine Kenan, Ralph Price, Valerie Longfellow, Carlton Grady, Libby Berry, Larry English, Paula Dail and Maxine Norris.



U AND US IN FSA

Robert Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Morrison, is still in the UNC-Hospital in Chapel Hill due to the auto accident on July 19, 2006. Please keep praying for Robert's recovery.

Abner House, Farm Loan Officer in the Edgecombe County FSA Office, will retire on September 30, 2006, after 33 years of outstanding service to farmers. We wish Abner the best of everything in his retirement. He will be greatly missed.

Phillip Elliott, South Carolina FSA Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator, visited with us on September 7th and 8th. He came to learn of North Carolina's GIS mapping process and the Camastia software that North Carolina uses to produce training videos. He also demonstrated to Miles Davis, GIS Coordinator, a process he developed to compare System 36 information and GIS information using Microsoft Access. According to Miles, Phillip is very innovative and is always a big help with many different GIS processes.

We were so pleased to hear that Janice Oxendine, County Executive Director for the Hoke County FSA Office, who had knee replacement surgery on August 16, 2006, is doing fine. We look forward to Janice returning to work in a couple of weeks or earlier.

Kent Sawyer, Farm Loan Manager in the Perquimans County FSA Office, is the proud grandfather of Halee Nicole who was born September 8, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Halee is a beautiful little girl and already has more hair than her grandpa.

Keith Weatherly, State Executive Director, and Ralph Price, Price Support Division, attended the 84th Annual Meeting of the Carolinas Cotton Growers Cooperative held at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount on September 6, 2006. Mike Quinn, President of the Cooperative, resigned from FSA on January 19, 1996, to work with the Cotton Growers. Mike was County FSA Executive Director for Nash and Martin Counties prior to being selected as a FSA District Director.

Sue Smithwick, Farm Loan Manager in the Beaufort County FSA Office and Mary Myers, Farm Loan Manager in the Cabarrus County FSA Office, attended the Farm Loan Officer Trainee Train-The-Trainer Session held in Raleigh on September 19 through 21, 2006.

Keith Weatherly, State Executive Director, and Ralph Price, Price Support Division, attended the Annual Meeting of the Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association and the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association at the Peanut Belt Research Station in Lewiston on September 7, 2006. Bob Sutter, Chief Executive Officer of the NC Peanut Growers Association, resigned from FSA on October 31, 1993, then a District Director, to become CEO for the NC Peanut Growers Association.

Tim Jones and Susan Woodall, Conservation Division, held Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) training meetings in Wilson County on August 22, Beaufort County on August 23, and Orange County on August 24, 2006. They discussed a number of important topics and updates to the CREP Program.

It was indeed a pleasure to have Johnny DuBose, Head of Real and Personal Property Section of the FSA National Management Services Division, visit the State Office on August 30, 2006. He is assisting in plans for needed space changes in the State Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Pat and Seldon Mintz for having worked for 15 years restoring the 1834 log cabin they call home in Rutherford County. The restoration was peaceful pictures of the past and so impressive that the July/August issue of Country Woman Magazine had a 3 page write-up and pictures of changes made in the run down place surrounded by a cow pasture that no one had lived in since 1951. Pat is Advisor to the Rutherford County FSA Committee and she and her husband have beef cattle on their farm. She said if it hadn't been for Seldon and the fact he's a carpenter, we couldn't ever have afforded to restore this place. They did.

to Kay Yates, County Executive Director of the Craven-Carteret County FSA Office, and her associates for the outstanding and most interesting farmers meeting held in the Craven County Agricultural Building on August 22, 2006. Ralph Price, Price Support Division, discussed some significant changes to the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Program. Farmers were full of questions as they were very interested in how the changes would impact their LDP payment options.

to Keith Weatherly, State Executive Director, for being presented an award by FSA Administrator Teresa Lasseter for his 30 years of service to FSA, USDA and American agriculture. The award was given at the Southeast State Executive Directors Conference held in Asheville on August 22-23, 2006.

to Rowan County farm owners Doug Michell, Nora and Randall Patterson, who were presented the 2006 Agribusiness of the Year Award by the N. C. Agribusiness Council at the Council's annual meeting in Raleigh on August 14, 2006. The award honors individuals or firms whose contributions have strengthened North Carolina agribusiness through achievements in production, processing, marketing, research, education, service and product development. Doug Patterson is Vice Chairman of the Rowan County FSA Committee.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Lola J. English who passed away on September 8, 2006. Mrs. English was the mother of Larry English, Program Technician in the Duplin County FSA Office.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Carolyn Elizabeth Yates who died on September 5, 2006. Mrs. Yates was the mother-in-law of Kay Yates, County Executive Director for the Craven-Carteret County FSA Office.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Lily Haney who passed away on September 9, 2006. Mrs. Haney was the grandmother of Martha Mills, Program Technician in the Haywood County FSA Office.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Mrs. Donnie Curry Hedrick who died on August 24, 2006. She was the County Executive Director for the Davidson County FSA Office when she retired in 1976. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

FARM RECORD CHANGES IMPORTANT

Farmers who have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to your local Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible so farm records can be updated.

For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. All landowners must furnish their tax ID numbers. Remember, failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in a farm program.

A fellow confessed to a friend, "I got married because I was tired of going to the Laundromat, eating in restaurants, and wearing socks with holes." "Funny," the friend replied, "I got divorced for the same reason."