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Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

Michael Belch
Ellis Taylor
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**Committee meets on
the First Tuesday of
each month at 10:00 a.m.**

Staff

Lena Price
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District Director

Patricia Mabry

PAYMENT LIMITATIONS

DCP Direct	\$40,000
DCP CC	65,000
Peanut	
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DCP CC	65,000
Price Support	75,000
CRP	50,000
NAP	100,000
CDP	80,000

County Committee Election

The Northampton County Farm Service Agency will be holding a County Committee election on December 4, 2006. Eligible voters in LAA-2, which consists of Jackson, Lasker, Woodland, Rich Square, and Potecasi, will be able to vote for the candidate of their choice. The Northampton County FSA office received 4 eligible nominations for the FSA committee election. The nominees that will be placed on the ballot are Adam Lassiter, Donny Lassiter, Sandra Flythe and Phillip Ricks. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in early November.

Changes to Beneficial Interest Policy

In my previous newsletter I explained the loan and LDP provisions. Since that time there have been some changes in the beneficial interest policies. Please read the following provisions concerning beneficial interest. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Open Storage. Producers who deliver to a Commodity Credit Corporation-approved warehouse, and the commodity is placed in open storage for a term of 15 calendar days or more, will lose beneficial interest in the commodity on the 16th calendar day of the physical delivery unless an approved warehouse receipt can be provided to the producer.

Unapproved Facilities: Producers who deliver commodities to a facility where the commodity is commingled with commodities from other producers are ineligible for a marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment, if the facility is not authorized by state or federal law to store such commodities for the benefit of producers. Therefore, delivery of commodities to a location that is not considered a CCC-approved or state or federally licensed facility will result in the loss of beneficial interest in the commodity on the date of physical delivery.

Deliveries of a commodity to entities such as a dairy, feedlot, pit, ethanol plant, wool pool, feed mill, or any other unapproved storage facility, will result in the loss of beneficial interest on the date of delivery, regardless of any other action or agreement between such an entity and the producer.

Seed and Hybrid Seed Contract Producers: Commodities produced under a contract in which the title to the seed remains with the entity and the entity provides the seed to the producer, including contracts for the production of hybrid seed and other specialty seeds, are eligible to be pledged as collateral for a MAL and/or LDP. Beneficial interest in the commodity will be considered lost the earlier of the date a payment is received for the commodity or the commodity is delivered to the contract company.

Purchased Commodity: A person who purchases or otherwise acquires a commodity from a producer under any circumstances does not have beneficial interest in the commodity regardless if the purchase or acquisition is made before or after the harvest of the commodity. However, CCC will consider a person to have beneficial interest in the commodity if, before harvest, the person has obtained title to the growing commodity and the risk of producing the commodity at the same time title was obtained for the land on which the commodity was growing.

Deceased Producer: Upon the death of a producer, CCC will consider an estate, heirs of the deceased producer or a person to whom title to a commodity has passed by state law, to have beneficial interest in a commodity produced by the deceased producer. The same terms and conditions that would have been applicable to the deceased producer will be applicable to the assumed producer.



CRP Cover Maintenance

You are required to maintain your Conservation Reserve Program acres according to the conservation plan you agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. You need to make sure you:

- Have adequate approved vegetative cover to control erosion for the contract period
- Control weeds and other types of undesirable vegetation
- Take control measures outside of the primary nesting season.

Please keep in mind mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited. Therefore it is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP land.

Farm Service Agency Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes and guarantees loans to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private credit. This resource can be helpful to beginning farmers who may need financial help to get their farming business started. FSA loans are tailored to a producer's needs and may be used to buy farmland, equipment, livestock, and finance agricultural production.

To find out how our programs can work for you contact our office at 534-5331.

Outreach

The Farm Service Agency is committed to informing all persons of the programs that it administers. As part of the Outreach Plan for the Northampton County FSA Office, the County Executive Director will be available to speak to groups upon request. You may contact this office at 252-534-5331.