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Get Ready to Set Clocks Back on October 29  
Remember: "Fall Back in the Fall"

**October 18, 2006**

**State FSA Committee**

**Marshall W. Grant,**  
Chairperson  
**John W. Brown**  
**Roger A. Dixon**  
**David L. Rose**  
**Faylene Whitaker**

## FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

County FSA Committees administer farm programs at the local levels. The committees are elected by eligible farmers and landowners. County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They make FSA agricultural programs fit the needs of local farmers.

Farmers will be voting by mail during the period from November 3, 2006 through December 4, 2006, to elect FSA committee members to take office January 1, 2007.

Ballots will be mailed to all known eligible voters by November 3, 2006, and these ballots must be postmarked or returned to the county FSA office by December 4, 2006. All farmers are urged to study their ballots and vote on the most qualified persons to represent them on the FSA County Committee.

A county or area served by the FSA County Committee is divided into Local Administrative Areas (LAA). One member on the County Committee represents each LAA. A person may vote in only one LAA. FSA committee members serve staggered three-year terms; therefore, elections may not be held in all LAA's.

We as FSA employees, must see that all eligible voters are properly and adequately informed and to encourage as large a vote as possible.

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Have a safe, sane, soothing, splendid, stupendous, spirited, and satisfying Halloween.

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**HAYWOOD COUNTY FSA EMPLOYEES MARTHA MILLS AND LYNNE HALL CHOSE  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006, AS A DAY TO SHARE**



Haywood County's Baptist Association sponsors a summer day camp across from the FSA office. They depend on volunteers for snacks in the morning and afternoon. Martha and Lynne served homemade ham biscuits and muffins in the morning and homemade cookies with popsicles in the afternoon.

The home baked goods seemed to be a special treat for those 225 children. They said the looks of enjoyment (and jelly) on their faces made all the hard work worthwhile. Both Martha and Lynne look real good and motherly.

**INFORMATIVE AND ATTRACTIVE FSA EXHIBIT AT THE VANCE COUNTY FAIR HELD  
SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2006**



Our congratulations to Denise Hight, County Executive Director for the Vance County FSA Office, employees Tammy Dail, Fred Coghill, Lisa Furlow, and their associates for preparing the exhibit that received many compliments from farmers and visitors at the fair. As usual, their fine exhibit won first place and received a Blue Ribbon.



**FSA OUTREACH DISPLAY AT THE ANSON COUNTY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
AG-EXPO AND FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2006**

Thanks to Betty Lutz, County Executive Director for the Anson County FSA Office, and others responsible for the attractive display with informational brochures of various programs along with FSA KIDS coloring books and tattoos. Attendance was very good and lots of information was given out and discussed.



### FSA EXHIBIT AT THE HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL IN POLK COUNTY



Congratulations to Kelly Springs, County Executive Director for the Henderson-Polk-Transylvania County FSA Office, and his talented staff left to right, Krista Haynes, Joyce Ramsey, Virginia Bradshaw, and CED Kelly for the very informational and attractive FSA Heritage Day Festival display on September 9, 2006.



### WAYNE COUNTY FSA OUTREACH BOOTH AT THE WAYNE REGIONAL FAIR

The Regional Fair was for ten days and the average daily attendance was 12,000 people. The informational and attractive exhibit was a popular display in the Agriculture Exhibit Hall and the FSA coloring books were very popular with the children. Congratulations to Rick Tharrington, County Executive Director for the Wayne County FSA Office, and the others responsible for their dedicated work.



### RUTHERFORD COUNTY FSA OUTREACH BOOTH AT THE ELLENBORO FAIR



The Ellenboro Fair ran from September 12<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The fascinating booth was manned as an outreach project by Rutherford FSA Office staff and the county FSA committee. Not in the picture is a big pumpkin with pretty flowers around it and a scarecrow surrounded by flowers. Beautiful.



### LENOIR COUNTY FSA EXHIBIT

Thanks to Pat Williams, County Executive Director for Lenoir County FSA Office, and Program Technicians Allyson Perry and Dallas Stroud for the very attractive FSA exhibit. They did an outstanding job in preparing the winning first place blue ribbon at the Lenoir County Fair held September 18-23, 2006.



## 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 continue to pray for Robert's healing. Turner is County Executive Director for Cabarrus-Mecklenburg County FSA Office.

Malachi McCullough, Compliance Division, gave a most interesting talk at "The Women in Agriculture Conference" sponsored by A&T State University on September 7, 2006, in Raleigh. Mac also addressed a group of Beaufort County farmers and others on September 20, 2006, at a USDA Outreach Meeting held in Beaufort County.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Kelton and Danielle Sprinkle on the birth of a beautiful daughter, Emery Faith Sprinkle, on September 29, 2006, weighing 8 pounds and 20 inches long. The proud and happy grandmother is Barbara Sprinkle, Program Technician in the Iredell-Alexander County FSA Office.

to Melissa and Devin Meyer on the birth of their handsome son, Hinton McGee, on September 16, 2006, weighing 8 pounds and 20½ inches long. Hinton is the first grandchild of the proud grandmother Debbie McGee, Halifax County FSA Executive Director.

to Farm Loan Managers Mary Myers and Bill Rhodes of the Cabarrus-Mecklenburg FSA Office for the outstanding job they did in presenting information on the FSA Youth Loan Program and other programs for county 6<sup>th</sup> graders on September 11, 12, and 13, 2006, at the fair grounds. Approximately 350 students and 25 adults listened to Mary's and Bill's interesting and informative presentations.

to Becky Fortner, County Executive Director for the Swain-Jackson County FSA Office; Sherry Powell, Program Technician; associates; and the 150 New Century Scholars and FFA students from both counties for making the 7<sup>th</sup> annual gleaning project so successful. They picked 8,000 pounds of pepper and 4,000 pounds of tomatoes. The produce was delivered to Swain County Senior Citizens Center, Walking Stick Safe House, Hawthorne Children's Home, REACH Safe House, Clay County Food Pantry and Murphy Sharing Center/Food Bank.

to Len McBride, District Director, and Melissa Seaman, Farm Loan Officer in the Franklin County FSA Office, for successfully completing their Farm Loan Program Farm Business Plan training.

to Jeanie Setser, County Executive Director for Beaufort-Hyde County FSA Office, and others responsible for the outstanding and most interesting USDA outreach luncheon held on September 20, 2006, for minority community leaders and pastors. Representatives of USDA and county agencies discussed their current activities. It was truly a team effort. About 45 folks attended and not only enjoyed a fine meeting, but the sumptuous lunch.

to Turner Morrison, County Executive Director for the Cabarrus-Mecklenburg County FSA Office, and associates for the eye-catching and informative FSA exhibits at the Cabarrus County Fair on September 8-16, 2006.

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and many friends of Mr. Jamie Bannerman who passed away on September 28, 2006. Jamie, 23 years old, was the son of Veronica Bannerman, Program Technician in the Pender-New Hanover County FSA Office.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Roy David Smith, Sr. who passed away on October 9, 2006. Mr. Smith was the father of Pam Pollard, County Executive Director for Stanly County FSA Office.

It was with great sorrow to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Elbert "Dan" Tharrington on September 26, 2006. Mr. Tharrington was the father of Danny Tharrington, Program Technician in the Wilson County FSA Office. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Jimmy Wilkerson who passed away on October 12, 2006. Mr. Wilkerson was the father of Sally Rice, Program Technician in the Wake County FSA Office.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Juanita Fulghum Tedder who passed away on September 16, 2006. Mrs. Tedder was the sister of Vickie F. Hinton, Program Technician in the Wilson County FSA Office.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Floyd Coates who passed away on October 10, 2006. Mr. Coates was the husband of Lorene Coates, FSA District Director and former County Executive Director for Rowan County FSA Office, who retired on March 3, 1998.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Beulah Payne who died on October 6, 2006. Mrs. Payne retired from the Iredell County FSA Office on January 24, 1976.