

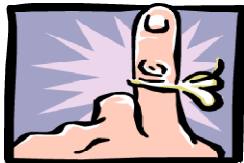


Onslow County Farm Service Agency Newsletter

ACREAGE REPORTING - The timely filing of an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent loss of benefits for a number of programs, including Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program, Conservation Reserve Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, as well as marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments.

To be timely, you must file an FSA-578 by June 30, 2006.

To be considered timely, acreage reports for:



- prevented planted acreage must be filed no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop
- failed acreage must be filed before the disposition of the crop.

We will accept crop certifications from farm operators, farm owners, persons authorized by power of attorney and tenants and sharecroppers, for which they have a share.

We will also accept from all producers crop acreage reports for any purpose.

PREVENTING FRAUD, WASTE - The Farm Service Agency and Risk Management Agency are partners in preventing fraud, waste and abuse in the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. In addition, FSA will refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, RMA or the Office of the Inspector General.

CCC-633-EZ REMINDER - Remember, we've switched to the CCC-633-EZ form. It's a one size fits all form you can use to indicate your intention to receive loan deficiency payments for all your crops at the beginning of the crop year, long before you've lost beneficial interest.

The same form is then used to submit a request for an LDP any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

For the 2006 crop year, the CCC-633 EZ and e-LDP online requests are the only methods available to request LDPs.

NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) NEWS – June 30th is the deadline to turn in your previous years NAP crop production evidence. These records are used to build the actual production history, APH. Evidence not provided by June 30th results in a **ZERO production credit** for the crop which in turn **lowers YOUR guarantee. Increase your guarantee** by providing your production evidence.

You have **15 days** from the date you are aware of a crop loss, but prior to final harvest, to notify the FSA office. If you fail to report the loss within the period, you are **ineligible** for NAP benefits.

Contact the county office for closing dates to purchase NAP coverage.

Commodity Loans Available

Crop reporting deadline is June 30th – call for an appointment

LAA 2- Nominate the person of your choice for the County Committee Election

Notify FSA of bank changes affecting direct deposit

Send us your e-mail address

Office Hours 8:00-4:30
Monday-Friday

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COMMITTEE ELECTIONS FOR LAA 2 (Stump Sound Area) Currently Represented by Percy Brown

Landowners and producers in LAA 2 should have already received Form FSA-669A, "Nomination Form For County FSA Committee Election" in the mail along with an FSA Fact Sheet explaining the FSA County Committee Election Process and eligibility requirements. **Please review the material and nominate the person of your choice. If you didn't receive a nomination form, please come by the county office and complete one. At this time no one has been nominated.**

CROP LOSSES- If any crop is damaged by a natural disaster (wind, hail, freeze, rain, drought, etc.), you **MUST** report the loss within 15 days after the occurrence and allow a field inspection by a FSA representative Before the crop is destroyed. Do not destroy the crop before release by a FSA representative.

AMERICAN FARMERS *are the best in the world.* Their harvest brings a bounty to our dinner tables, not only here but around the world, not only during the harvest season but all year round. It is testament not just for our system of government, but to our way of life; to the principles of hard work, honesty, and individual freedom that have helped us to become the world's biggest exporter of various crops.

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 Onslow County FSA Office, the County Executive Director or Program Technician Specialist will be available to speak to groups upon request. You may contact this office at (910) 455-4164. Special accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call Lesa Rawls at (910) 455-4164.

HOLIDAY –This office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in observance of Independence Day. The Onslow County FSA office staff and the county committee wish you and your family happy and safe holidays.

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