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**OUTREACH**

The Randolph County FSA Office is committed to ensuring that all persons are aware of programs and benefits available, whether they be under-served, limited resources, socially disadvantaged, active farmers and ranchers, landowners and community organizations.

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# RANDOLPH COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY



## 2007 DCP SIGN-UP CONTINUES

The 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) began October 1, 2006, and continues until June 1, 2007. Farmers are encouraged to sign up for the DCP program online. The online service is an example of the technological innovation USDA is using to make its programs more accessible.

Following the June 1, 2007, deadline, USDA will accept late applications through Sept. 30, 2007, with a \$100 late fee. While DCP participants must sign DCP contracts annually, producers can choose not to participate in the program in any given year.

The electronic DCP (or eDCP) service saves producers time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in DCP and who establish an eAuthentication account. The service has strict security measures to protect participants' private information. Only authorized federal employees have access to information producers submit electronically.

USDA computes DCP payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. For 2007, eligible producers may request to receive direct advance payments based on **22 percent** of the direct payment rate for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue DCP advance direct payments beginning Dec. 1, 2006. Counter-Cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-Cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate) for a commodity is below its target price. **PLEASE TELEPHONE THE COUNTY OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO ENROLL YOUR FARM(S) IN THE DCP PROGRAM.**

## FARM SERVICE AGENCY ELECTION RESULTS

Ballots received in the Randolph County Farm Service Agency were counted and Darrell Wright was elected to the County Committee as a regular member and Richard Whitaker was elected as a first alternate from Local Administrative Area 2, which included the following communities: Asheboro, Franklinville, Level Cross, Providence, New Market and Trinity. The new members begin their terms January 1, 2007 and were elected for 3 year terms. The Randolph County Farm Service Agency committee is a vital link in the effective administration of farm programs, in full accordance with the regulations, for ensuring farmer understanding and wide program participation, for seeing that the county office operations are farmer oriented and that farmers receive quality service, while giving balanced attention to all programs and carrying out their responsibilities.

## MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF LOANED GRAIN

Producers who have grain under loan are reminded of their responsibility to maintain the quality of grain under loan. Many producers are hard pressed to find adequate storage for every bushel harvested. Overfilled grain storage bins can lead to grain quality problems.

Bins are ideally designed to hold a level volume of grain. When bins are overfilled and grain is heaped up, airflow is hindered and the chance of spoilage increases.

Producers who take out marketing assistance loans and use the farm-stored grain as collateral should remember that they are responsible for maintaining the quality of the commodity through the term of the loan.



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**NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)**

**NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) will be available for the 2007 crop year to producers for individual crop losses. NAP provides financial assistance to producers for losses on crops that are not insurable and the loss is caused by a natural disaster. To apply for NAP coverage you must file an application for coverage, CCC-471, and pay the service fee and these actions must be taken by the crop application closing date. The service fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per producer per county.

**The closing date for NAP coverage on the following crops is as follows:**

**January 1, 2007:** Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chives, Cilantro, Greens, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Rutabaga, Spinach, Turnips.

**February 28, 2007:** Artichoke, Asparagus, Basil, Beans, Brussels Sprouts, Cantaloupes, Chinese Bitter Melon, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Honeydew, Jerusalem Artichoke, Kenaf, Korean Golden Melon, Millet, Okra, Peanuts, Peas, Peppers, Popcorn, Pumpkins, Radishes, Sorghum, Soybeans, Sprite Melon, Squash, Sunflowers, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Watermelons.

**SMALL GRAIN CROP REPORTS**

Farmers should report their planted acreages of wheat, barley, oats or rye to the Farm Service Agency by Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Producers will be required to furnish the date the crop was planted.

Acreage reports must account for all cropland on the farm and are required for producers to be eligible for commodity loans, loan deficiency payments, NAP, DCP or CRP participation.

**2007 FARM OPERATION CHANGES**

Farm records **must be up-to-date** in order for the Farm Service Agency to help producers obtain full farm program benefits. If a farm will have a new owner, or if a change is made in the operation of an existing farm, operators, owners and other producers should make the Randolph County Farm Service Agency aware of the change before enrolling in 2007 programs.



**LOANS FOR BEGINNING FARMERS, SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED**

The Farm Service Agency is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average size.

**OFFICE CLOSINGS**

**Christmas Day –  
Monday, December 25, 2006**

**New Year's Day  
Monday, January 1, 2007**

**Martin Luther King, Jr Day  
January 15, 2007**