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ENROLLMENT DEADLINE-AUGUST 3RD 2007

The enrollment period for the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) ends August 3, 2007. Producers must sign contracts annually under the DCP. Late-filed applications will be accepted through September 30, 2007, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Producers can opt out of participating in the program any year if they choose.

- **Eligibility-** Producers must also update eligibility files for the 2007 crop year. Please plan to complete these forms at the same visit.

2007 CROP REPORTS

Farmers should report their planted acreage of corn, cotton, soybeans, grain sorghum, CRP, hay crops, silage crops, fruits or vegetables for commercial use to the Farm Service Agency by Thursday, **July 2, 2007.**

Operators and/or owners are required to report **ALL CROPLAND** acreage to remain eligible for Direct Counter-Cyclical Payment Program benefits, for Loan Deficiency Payments, Commodity Loans, for Conservation Reserve Program benefits, for Noninsured Assistance Program benefits, and to meet the Boll Weevil Eradication Program requirements.

Producers are required to report the date that crops were planted.

For crops not planted by June 30, producers have 15 days after planting to report these crops.

Prevented planted acreage should also be reported no later than 15 calendar days after the final reporting date for the applicable crop. Failed acreage shall be filed before the disposition of the crop.

BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES?

Producers receiving payments need to be sure to file a corrected SF-1099A, Direct Deposit form, any time a change in bank or account number occurs. **If the change is not made, your payment will reject, causing delays in receiving your payment.**



**COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS
NOMINATION PERIOD ENDS
AUGUST 1ST**

The election of responsible agricultural producers to FSA county committees is important to ALL farmers and ranchers with large or small operations. It is crucial that every eligible producer take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level. Farmers who serve on committees help decide the kind of programs their counties will offer. They work to make FSA agricultural programs serve the needs of local producers.

You may nominate a producer for the Stanly County FSA Committee for 2008. Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. For the Stanly County 2008 COC election the person must reside in Local Administrative Area I; which consists of Harris, Ridenhour, North Albemarle and South Albemarle townships, and be eligible to vote. This LAA is currently represented by Charles F "Butch" Brooks. Please consider a producer who you feel will represent this area well!

Nomination form FSA-699A is included with this newsletter. To nominate someone for the 2008 COC Election please complete this form and return it to the Stanly County FSA office at the address to the top left by August 1, 2007.

NOMINATE, VOTE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS

Don't forget to complete form CCC-633EZ page 1, LDP Agreement and Request to be eligible for 2007 crop LDP's! All operators and owners receiving a share in the crop should have this form on file before loss of beneficial interest of the crop (i.e. harvest, field direct sales, etc). Forms are available at the Stanly County FSA office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafo/psd.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

On May 24, 2007, Secretary Johanns declared a Secretarial Major disaster in the State of North Carolina due to abnormally low temperatures and freezing conditions that occurred from April 6 through April 9, 2007. The Secretarial Major disaster declaration number is S 2518. As a result of this major disaster, 47 North Carolina counties (including Stanly County) were declared eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) loans for eligible family farmers. Effective May 24, 2007; farmers in Stanly County may apply for EM loans for physical and production losses. January 24, 2008 is the deadline for filing an application. Any Stanly County farmer who suffered a production or physical loss that is interested in an EM loan should contact Mary Myers, Farm Loan Manager (stationed in the Concord USDA Service Center) for additional information at 704-788-2107, extension 2.

Dates to Remember

July 2	Crop Reports Due
July 4	Office Closed- Holiday
August 1	COC Nominations Due
August 3	DCP Contract Deadline
Nov 2	Ballots mailed to eligible voters
Dec 3	Last day to return ballots

COMMODITY LOANS AVAILABLE

Loans on agricultural commodities are available through the FSA. To be eligible for a loan, crops must be produced on a farm by a producer who has filed a crop acreage report for 2007.

Loans are available on 2007 crops of wheat, barley and oats through March 31, 2008 and through May 31, 2008 for 2007 crops of corn, cotton, soybeans, and grain sorghum.

Loans provide immediate cash for farmers and allows them sufficient time to make important marketing decisions, or to hold the grain for feeding later. The program guarantees participating farmers a minimum price but not necessarily a profit.

2007 Loan Rates:

Wheat	\$2.56 per bushel
Oats	\$1.39 per bushel
Barley	\$1.65 per bushel
Corn	\$2.24 per bushel
Soybeans	\$5.07 per bushel
Cotton	\$0.5390 per lb
Grain Sorghum	\$3.70 per cwt

IMPORTANT LOAN REMINDERS!!!

Producers with a commodity loan **MUST** notify this office to file an Authorization For Delivery of Loan Collateral For Sale (Form CCC-681-1) prior to removing any commodity from storage. Failure to file this authorization will require immediate repayment of the total loan amount plus applicable interest and may result in an ineligible status for future commodity loans for 3 years.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Stanly County FSA Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th 2007 for the Independence Day Holiday.

FARM STORAGE LOANS

Loans are available to producer of wheat, corn, soybeans and other commodities for the construction or upgrade of farm storage and handling facilities. Loans may be made only for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed handling equipment or the remodeling of existing facilities. The maximum term of the loan is 7 years and all loans must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum principal amount of any farm storage facility loan is 85 percent of the net cost of the applicant's needed storage or handling equipment. A minimum down payment representing the difference between the net cost of the storage facility and the amount of the loan shall be made by the loan applicant to the supplier or contractor before the loan is disbursed. The interest rate will be the equivalent to that charged on U.S. Treasury securities of comparable maturity on the date the loan is approved. The interest rate for each loan will remain in effect for the term of the loan.

2007 BOLL WEEVIL INFO

The boll weevil eradication assessment for 2007 will be \$2.50/acre. Following certification by **July 1st** at your local FSA office, FSA staff will electronically transfer field summary information for growers/producers to NCDA&CS. Invoices for payment will be sent from NCDA&CS directly to individual growers/producers from July 15-25. Payments are due September 1, 2007. Late filed certifications will be assessed a \$3.00/acre penalty and late payments will be assessed a \$3.00/acre penalty. If certified and paid late both penalties will apply.