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2007 COUNTY COMMITTEE (COC) ELECTION

The Tyrrell/Dare County FSA COC election is almost here. Local Administrative Area (LAA) II representing the Scuppernon and Lake Phelps communities of Tyrrell County will be electing a qualified individual to represent their respective areas on the local FSA COC. Producers and landowners—election ballots will be mailed to you starting November 2, 2007. Completed ballots must be returned to our office or postmarked by December 3, 2007. We encourage everyone to participate to make this year's election the most successful ever.

2007 DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Enrolled producers can expect their final direct payment to be direct deposited into their bank accounts during the month of October. Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year that ends September 30, 2007. Producers should also be receiving final 2006 counter-cyclical payments for cotton and peanuts that will be issued during the month of September.

CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

Eligible farmers can sign-up for CDP beginning October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops planted prior to February 28, 2007, from natural disasters. Prevented planting crops will also be eligible for payment provided they would have been planted prior to February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred a qualifying loss in any of these crop years must choose one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. A loss of greater than 35% must have occurred to be eligible for CDP. Please contact your local FSA office for more details.

2007 PRICE SUPPORT LOANS AND LDP'S

Loans and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for crop year 2007 are available for producers who share in the risk of producing crops. To be eligible, you must maintain beneficial interest in the crop through the time of application. Producers must have a CCC-633 EZ page 1 on file in our office prior to delivery of field direct commodities to be eligible for LDP. Electronic LDP's are available to producers who have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account. Nine month non-recourse commodity loans are available through our office. A ten month non-recourse commodity loan is available for upland cotton. Interest rates for commodity loans vary monthly and are based on the month of approval. **Producers choosing to use the marketing assistance loan program(s) are reminded that commodities under loan are used as collateral and may not be moved without prior written consent from the FSA county office.** Please contact your local FSA office for further details concerning our loan and LDP programs.

FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

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. As a result, farmers in the designated counties may apply for Emergency Loan funds for physical and production losses. January 24, 2008 is the deadline for filing an application. For more information, please contact Paula Nicholls at 946-1076.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

The NAP program is designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production for an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Producers who had NAP may choose to continue coverage on the same crops for 2008, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. A new form CCC-471 is not required to be signed when applying for continuous coverage of the same crop(s). Producers who choose to add or delete a crop from the previous year's coverage or change crop shares must file a new CCC-471 and pay the applicable service fee. **Producers are reminded that the following NAP crops have a sales closing date of November 20, 2007: Alfalfa, Apples, Blackberries, Blueberries, Caneberries, Grapes, Grazing forages, Honey, Lespedeza, Peaches, Pecans, Plums, and Raspberries.**

REPORT CHANGES

Producers are reminded to report any changes to their farming operation to the FSA office. Changes in your operation include but are not limited to: farming interests, cropland changes, and financial information. Please contact your local FSA when any change in you operation occurs. Your program eligibility, participation, and benefits depend on it!

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