



**Wayne County Farm Service
Agency County Committee**

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NEWSLETTER

WAYNE COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY

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Annual DCP Enrollment

To participate in DCP, producers are required to **designate shares and sign the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Contract (CCC-509) on a yearly basis.** The annual DCP sign-up period runs from October 1 to June 1 of the applicable program year. To be considered enrolled timely; the CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1 of the applicable program year. In cases where a farm is reconstituted, all resulting farms will need to enroll (signatures obtained) if the producers intend to participate. CCC-509s with signatures obtained after June 1, but by September 30, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-file sign-up fee of \$100. All supporting documentation, such as CCC-502, AD-1026, and CCC-526, must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by the applicable established reporting dates. Acreage reports filed after the applicable final reporting date may be accepted if all requirements are met and a late-file fee is paid.

DCP payments are calculated by taking 85 percent of the base acres, multiplied by the farm yield, times the applicable payment rate, times the producer share. Producers may request 22% of the direct payment, at signup. Final direct payments will be made on or after October 1. Counter-cyclical payments may also be authorized for one or more covered commodities, depending on the projected and actual market prices. Producers may elect to receive up to two counter-cyclical payments per year: (1) the first partial payment, if any, is available after the first six months of the marketing year, and (2) final payment, if any, is made after the end of the marketing year for each eligible crop. Producers who do not elect to take the first advance payments will receive the entire counter-cyclical payment at the end of the marketing year.

Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule. Spouses may not sign FSA-211s on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Spouses must have a power of attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as promissory notes, and on security documents for price support loans.

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle the spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

County Office shall not provide Agency records of a producer to that producer's spouse unless written authority to provide such records has been provided to the county office.

Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you've applied for coverage and paid the application fee. NAP provides crop loss coverage for crops not eligible for Federal Crop Insurance. The application deadline date for certain 2007 NAP crops is approaching. NAP covers 50% of the expected production at a rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Producers must file an application and pay a nonrefundable fee of \$100 per crop, per county. The maximum fee is \$300 per producer, per administrative county not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers. Producers are encouraged to provide production records yearly in order to improve their APH yields in the event a disaster claim is submitted for that particular crop. Producers are reminded to file crop loss claims within 15 days of the date damage becomes apparent and the crop must not be destroyed prior to a Certified Crop Loss Adjuster visiting the farm and verifying the crop conditions. January 2, 2007, is the closing date for **Beets, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Chives, Cilantro, Greens, Kale, Lettuce, Onions, Potatoes, Rutabaga, Spinach, and Turnips.**

Notice of Loss

Notice of loss to all crops including fruits and vegetables that have been damaged by any natural disaster (wind, hail, freeze, rain, drought, etc.) needs to be reported to the local Farm Service Agency within 15 days of damage.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 14	Program Update Meeting
Dec. 25	Office Closed Christmas
Jan. 1	Office Closed New Year's
Jan. 2	NAP enrollment deadline

FSA Program Meeting

The Wayne County FSA would like to invite you to a Farm Program Update meeting to be held December 14, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Wayne Center located at the corner of George and Chestnut Streets in Goldsboro, NC. It will begin at 7:00p.m.

Topics for this meeting will be the New Longleaf Pine Program, the Increase in Measurement Service Rates, Changes in the 2007 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program and Updates to Payment Limitations.

USDA ANNOUNCES NEW CONSERVATION PROGRAM TO RESTORE LONGLEAF PINE FORESTS

Sign-up began Dec. 1, 2006 for a new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Initiative to increase longleaf pine acreage. Enrollment runs continuously until the 250,000-acre goal is met, or Dec. 31, 2007, whichever comes first.

The Longleaf Pine Initiative CP 36 has two one time incentive payments. A one-time up front signing incentive payment (SIP) of \$100 per acre for CRP contracts for 10 or more years will be paid by FSA after eligibility criteria are met and the CRP Contract is approved. A one-time practice incentive payment (PIP) equal to 40 percent of the eligible installation cost will be paid after the CRP practice is installed, eligible costs are verified and other payment eligibility criteria are met. The landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment of practices. The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length.