

Regular Minutes of the State Committee (STC) meeting held on February 12, 2013, in the STO, Raleigh, NC. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

**STATE COMMITTEE: T. Pender Sharp III, Chairman, John E. Ashe, Jr. and Nancy E. Fish**

**STAFF: Cynthia Kernodle, Acting State Executive Director, Mike Eaves, Kathy Barker, Alicia Bridges, Victor Youngblood, Ralph Price, Tim Jones, Susan Woodall and Rob Satterfield**

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**Presentation of Length of Service Award**

The STC presented Length of Service Award and Certificate to the following employee:

Ralph L. Price            30 Years

**PRICE SUPPORT - Update on Marketing Assistance Loan Collateral Spot Checks**

The State Committee had previously required County Offices to spot check 10 percent of outstanding commodity loans. NC Notice LP-1820 was issued March 13, 2012, to provide field offices with the mandate and instructions. Until further notification these spot checks have been suspended based on budget constraints and national Notice AO-1561.

**PRICE SUPPORT - Update on Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Collateral Checks**

The committee was advised that Notice AO-1561 did not impact the required field visits for completion of FSFL application processing.

National Notice FSFL-88 has required State Office annual reviews. Four outstanding loans were selected by the National Office for these reviews. Loans in Columbus, Greene and Cleveland counties were chosen for loan processing reviews and Pamlico County was chosen for a review of loan servicing.

**NAP – NCT Update – Duplin County**

The State Committee reviewed a request from Sampson County to add buttercup squash to the NCT and approve for NAP. There was no production or price information available on buttercup squash in North Carolina and no yields or prices had been established in other states. Because buttercup squash are the same pay crop and type as winter squash the State Committee agreed that buttercup squash should be added to the NCT using data from winter squash.

### SURE – Establish Maximum Average Loss Levels

The State Committee reviewed and approved the following maximum average loss levels recommended by the Duplin County Committee:

County	Crop	UOM	Practice	Intended Use	STC Established County Yield	Maximum Average Loss Level (Average County Yield)	Percent Maximum Loss
Duplin	Beans/ Large Lima	CWT	NI	Fh	20.58	12.35	40%
Duplin	Greens/ Cressie	CWT	Ni	Fh	20.00	12.0	40%
Duplin	Greens/ Green Swisschard	CWT	NI	Fh	127	76.2	40%
Duplin	Radish/Hybrid	CWT	NI	Fh	61.67	37.00	40%
Duplin	Onions/Green	CWT	NI	Fh	127.50	76.50	40%
Duplin	Rutabaga	CWT	Ni	Fh	245.00	147.00	40%
Duplin	Tomato/Hybrid	CWT	NI	Fh	103.7	62.22	40%
Duplin	Wheat/SRW	BU	NI	GR	49.0	29.4	40%

### Communications and Outreach - GovDelivery

Alicia Bridges reported on the following:

On a National conference call, Notice INFO-55 is the first directive on GovDelivery. This establishes the parameters for using GovDelivery with some flexibility. This is significant branding for FSA to the public for instance (masthead). GovDelivery functions well for basic internet and smartphone devices.

As of January 8, Nationally we have 415,000 email addresses, 403,000 came directly from SCIMS.

There are 8540 subscribers in North Carolina as of February 11, 2013. We know we're communicating when we collect email addresses.

There is still a push to collect email addresses and cell phone numbers when possible, for instance with ACRE and DCP signup currently by using AD-2047. We have texting capabilities that may be used in the near future.

The National office is asking states to mandate the use of GovDelivery in counties.

STATE PLAN: Hosting a statewide conference call on Thursday, February 15 and also individual district training. We have to notify the National office when we complete the conference call. Cindy and Mike are also authorizing the print shop to print business cards for distribution to the county offices. We will issue a state notice to instruct all counties to begin using GovDelivery in March, which will consist of one newsletter monthly and no more than two bulletins monthly. I have prepared a report and gave to Cindy on the current county use.

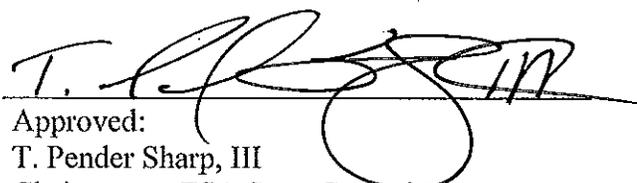
The purpose of GovDelivery is meant for local communication. The STO has the capability to issue bulletins or newsletters for the entire state in order to ensure a consistent message throughout the State. At that time the counties would not need to issue a separate bulletin, but can include in their monthly newsletters, we are notifying counties when we issue statewide bulletins. We will still continue to post news releases to state internet page.

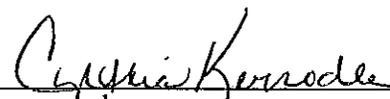
The STC chairman's suggestion of asking for family or friends email addresses will be shared with counties on statewide conference call.

The STC was shown a demo of the GovDelivery system.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm on February 12, 2013.

The next scheduled meeting of the FSA STC will be on March 12, 2013.

  
Approved:  
T. Pender Sharp, III  
Chairperson, FSA State Committee

  
Approved:  
Cynthia Kernodle  
Secretary