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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR 2007

The sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) for 2007 remains open at this time. If you owned eligible livestock on January 1st or April 6th, 2007 and have not done so already, you should apply for LCP at the FSA office. Eligible livestock and payment rates are as follows:

- *Adult beef cattle at \$10.66 per head
- *Non-adult beef cattle (500 lbs. or more) at \$8.00 per head
- *Adult dairy cattle at \$27.72 per head
- *Non-adult dairy cattle (500 lbs. or more) at \$8.00 per head
- *Buffalo/Beefalo—same rates as beef cattle adult/non-adult
- *Sheep at \$2.67 per head
- *Goats at \$2.67 per head
- *Equine (used in an agricultural operation only) at \$7.89 per head
- *Swine (rates vary by weight/gender from \$0.32 to \$2.56 per head)
- *Poultry (rates vary by weight from \$0.07 to \$0.31 per bird)

CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

Any producers who are growing commercial crops, including tobacco, corn for silage or grain, hay, tomatoes, vegetables, berries (strawberries, blueberries, etc.) should report the planted acreage of those crops to the FSA office. Reports should be made for all farms in which a producer has an interest. Those producers who are participating in the following programs are required to file crop acreage reports: **Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP).**

Those with **Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)** coverage *should* also report, because FCIC always requests FSA crop acreage reports when working an insurance claim. In addition to required reports, all producers *are strongly urged* to file crop acreage reports. These reports will allow FSA to maintain accurate planting history on the farm(s), which will also be used in the event of a *crop disaster program*, should conditions necessitate the implementation of such a program. The *final date* to timely file a crop acreage report for *all crops except burley tobacco* is **June 30th, 2008**. The *final date* for burley tobacco is **July 15th, 2008**. In order to file a crop acreage report, you should visit the FSA office to identify on aerial photography the fields which are being cropped.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION FOR 2008

The Buncombe County FSA Committee consists of three members who are elected for staggered, three-year terms. Each committee member represents one **Local Administrative Area (LAA)** in the county. In 2008, the election is being held for **LAA Number 3 (West Buncombe, Asheville, Avery's Creek, Limestone, Fairview, Broad River, Swannanoa, Black Mountain)**. The election itself will be held in December. However, any *eligible FSA committee election voter* in the county has a right to *nominate by petition* a person who is eligible to serve on the committee *for the LAA holding the election*. Basic eligibility requirements for nominees are as follows: (1) participate or cooperate with FSA programs; (2) be eligible to vote in a county committee election; (3) reside in the LAA in which the nominee is a candidate; (4) agree to serve if elected; (5) not have been removed or disqualified from FSA employment, removed from any public office, convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, other felony, or dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed forces.

Included with this newsletter is form *FSA-669A, Nomination Form For County Committee Election*. If you wish to nominate an eligible person in LAA #3, please complete the FSA-669A form and return to the FSA office no later than August 1st, 2008, or if mailed, postmarked no later than August 1st, 2008. If you need additional information about the county committee election, please contact the FSA office.

Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP)

The *next sales closing date* for NAP is September 1st, 2008. This closing date applies to the following for 2009 coverage: sage, strawberries, aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, turf grass sod, mushrooms, floriculture, strawberry rootstock. The sales closing date for small grains (barley, oats, rye, wheat) is September 30th, 2008. The fee is \$100 per crop per county.

TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM (TTPP)

If you or a family member holds one or more TTPP contracts, please contact the FSA office if any of the following has occurred:

- *change in bank deposit information
- *change in mailing address
- *original contract owner is deceased

Particularly with regard to a deceased contract owner certain FSA regulations must be followed.

FARM RECORDS

All producers are reminded to report any changes in farm operation, ownership, addresses, and direct-deposit bank account information to the FSA office.

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