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Harnett County News

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DISASTER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP): This program extends payments to eligible producers who suffered livestock **grazing losses** throughout the 2007 crop year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2007).

Deadline to signup for this program is July 18, 2008.

To be eligible under LCP, livestock must be dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that are physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period and have been maintained only for commercial use as part of the farming operation.

Livestock excluded from this program are wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping or for show.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): The Harnett County FSA Office is accepting applications for 2007 **losses of livestock due to extreme heat. This program also includes losses to contract growers. Deadline to signup for this program is also July 18, 2008.**

Applicants must provide adequate proof that the eligible livestock death occurred as a direct result of extreme heat conditions. Please contact our office for more information on required documentation.

Crop Disaster Program (CDP): We are still accepting applications for crop losses for the higher of 2005, 2006 or 2007 crop years. Please review your records and make sure that you have applied on all units that you had losses on. No deadline has been announced to file, however, we are encouraging you to please review your records as soon as possible. Payments for applications filed after June 20, 2008 may be delayed.

CROP ACREAGE REPORTS

The deadline for crop certification of spring and summer seeded crops including CRP is June 30, 2008. Please make an appointment for certification as soon as possible. Crops not planted by the final reporting date must be certified within fifteen days from the date planted to avoid late file fees.

Please remember that filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

NONINSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) DEADLINE

June 30, 2008 is the deadline to provide 2007 NAP production evidence. This information is very important for APH yields in the event of crop losses.

2008 NOMINATION PERIOD ANNOUNCED FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

August 1, 2008 is the final date to nominate a candidate for the upcoming County Committee election in Harnett County. Nomination petitions for Local Administrative Area (LAA) II consisting of Black River, Buckhorn, Hector's Creek, Neill's Creek and Lillington townships are now being accepted. Eligible voters of LAA II may use the enclosed form FSA-669A, Nomination Petition to nominate an eligible candidate for the election. Petitions must be delivered to our office or

postmarked by August 1, 2008. For more information about the FSA County Committee or to obtain a copy of the FSA-669A, nomination form, call or visit the county office.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) UPDATES

The final date to enroll in the Longleaf Pine CRP program is **September 30, 2008**. For those interested in this program or other CRP programs available please contact us for more information.

Maintaining CRP Cover:

CRP cover maintenance is the participant's responsibility and must be done according to the conservation plan. All CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting season for wildlife and in accordance with the conservation plan.

Spot treatment of the acreage may be followed during the primary nesting season if certain criteria are met. The primary nesting season in North Carolina is April 15th – September 1st.

FARM RECONSTITUTIONS

August 1st is the deadline to file farm divisions and/or farm combinations to be effective for the 2008 crop year. We have completed all reconstitutions filed thus far, please file any remaining requests as soon as possible.

NEW FARM BILL: On May 22, 2008 the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 became law. As of this date we do not have the guidelines and procedures of this new bill. We will keep up updated as we receive more information.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO PARKS BLAKE OF NRCS

Parks Blake, NRCS District Conservationist for Harnett County will be retiring July 3, 2008. He has faithfully served the Federal Government, farmers and landowners of Harnett County for 35 years. Parks is truly a friend of FSA and we have enjoyed working with him. He will be greatly missed. We wish him the best and sincerely appreciate the many years of dedicated service he has provided.

Note from Parks: "I have enjoyed working with the farmers and landowners of Harnett County. Farmers are definitely the backbone of the country and I was privileged to have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many of you. I now can call many of you my friends."

Parks is planning to continue to live in the Johnsonville community and work on his pine straw farm.

PARKS, GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY RETIREMENT!!!!!!

REMINDERS

1. Please report any changes in your address or Direct Deposit information.
2. Measurement service is still available. If you are interested please visit the county office.

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