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*****IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER*****

****CROP REPORTING:****

June 30

**All crops and other land use (including
CRP acreage must be reported)**

****RECONSTITUTIONS: August 1**

****COC ELECTION NOMINATIONS: August 2**

*******THESE DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING VERY QUICKLY**

2010 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION

County committee members are a critical component of the operations of FSA. They help deliver FSA farm programs at the local level.

Harnett County FSA is now accepting nominations for candidates to be included on the COC election ballot that will be mailed to eligible voters in November. This year's election will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3 which includes the communities of Averasboro 1, Averasboro 2, Duke, Grove 1, Grove 2 and Stewart's Creek.

Keith Parrish has served representing this LAA for the past 9 years. Regulations prohibit a committee person from serving more than 3 consecutive terms, therefore Mr. Parrish will be ineligible for nomination in this year's election. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign nomination form FSA-669A. The form also includes

a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. These forms are available at the FSA Office or online at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections>. FSA-669A's must be **returned or postmarked by August 2, 2010.**

To be eligible to be nominated the producer must participate or cooperate in an FSA program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and **reside in the local administrative area in which the election is being held.** Producers may nominate themselves or others and organizations representing minority and women farmers or ranchers may also nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. For more information on eligibility to vote or hold office as a county committee member contact our office.

All eligible producers are encouraged to participate in the county committee election process. The county committee is a very important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

CROP REPORTS

There are only a few days left for you to make your 2010 crop reports! Accurate crop reports play an important role in many FSA programs. **JUNE 30th** is the final date to make crop and other land use reports for the 2010 crop year. It is important for you to come prepared to give an accurate report and crop planting dates.

NAP PRODUCERS

Producers of 2009 NAP crops are reminded that a record of their production must be filed no later than the reporting date of the 2010 NAP crop. Remember to keep daily records for pick your own or roadside stand sales.

CHANGES

Don't forget August 1st is the deadline to file for a farm combination or division to be effective for the 2010 crop year. Any change in your farming operation (change of operator, tenants, sale or purchase of land, etc.) should be reported to this office as soon as possible to allow us time to process the changes so that it will not delay you from signing up in any FSA programs. It is important to report any change in your address or banking information as soon as it occurs to prevent a delay in receiving your payments or any information from this office.

It is also very important to notify this office of the death of a person receiving FSA payments, in particular annual TTPP payments.

**FAILED OR PREVENTED PLANTING
ACREAGE REPORTS**

Accurate acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, is very important and 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**.

SODBUSTING

The term "sodbusting" is used to identify the plowing up of erosion-prone grasslands for use as cropland. Sodbuster violations are unauthorized tillage practices on highly erodible lands that converted native vegetation such as rangeland or woodland, to crop production after December 23, 1985. Farmers and ranchers should be aware that if they use highly erodible land for crop production without proper conservation measures, they risk losing eligibility

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to participate in FSA programs.

Before producers clear, plow or otherwise prepare areas not presently under crop production for planting, they are required to file an AD-1026, indicating the area to be brought into production.

If NRCS determines that the area will be highly erodible land, the producer will be required to develop and implement a conservation plan on the affected acreage, before bringing the land into production.

REMINDERS****PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE
UPCOMING DEADLINES!***

- *Our office will be closed Monday, July 5, 2010 in observance of Independence Day.
- *The next scheduled COC meeting is July 21, 2010.
- *Call our office for information pertaining to the availability of Marketing Assistance Loans or the Farm Loan Programs.

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