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FARM SERVICE AGENCY
Rockingham County

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Committee Monthly Meeting
4th Wednesday of each Month at
9:00 am

FSA Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Newsletter

June 2010

2010 Spring Seeded Crop Reporting Deadline

Wednesday, June 30, 2010, is the deadline to report all spring seeded crops. These crops include tobacco, corn, soybeans, and grasses. Reporting crops is not required, but reporting helps to establish a cropping history on the farm. **All cropland must be reported in order to receive Direct and Counter Cyclical (Grain) Payments.**

Please consider calling ahead to make an appointment for crop reports. This allows the staff time to prepare the necessary paperwork for you and saves you time.

2010 COC Election Information

The Rockingham County FSA County Committee is seeking nominations for farmers to serve a 3 year term as a member of this USDA Agency Committee.

The County Committee should represent all constituents. This means that whenever possible, minorities, women and lower income producers need to be on the Committee to speak for all under-represented groups.

One of Farm Service Agency's responsibilities is to conduct County Committee elections in an open manner that ensures accountability.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a nomination form (FSA-669A) for Local Administrative Area (LAA-3), which includes the communities of Reidsville, Ruffin, and Williamsburg. This LAA is currently represented by Mike McKinney.

Under-represented farmers and ranchers are encouraged to step up and participate in their county's COC election process. Producers will notice posters and announcements displayed in businesses and other public places. COC election fact sheets can be found online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA> under the News & Events tab on the FSA homepage.

The Nomination Petitions must be returned to the FSA Office by August 2, 2010.

*****Emergency Loans Available*****

On March 8, 2010, Administrator Jonathan W. Coppess declared a physical loss disaster in the State of Virginia due to excessive snow, blizzard, flash flooding, excessive rain and high winds that occurred from January 23, 2010 through February 28, 2010.

In accordance with Section 321 (a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act 4, adjacent counties in North Carolina are named as contiguous counties where eligible family farmers may qualify for FSA emergency (EM) loan assistance. These counties are: **Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes, and Surry.**

Farmers may apply for EM loans for severe physical losses only.

November 8, 2010, is the deadline for filing an application. Please contact our office at (336) 342-0460 for more information.

******ATTENTION******

ACTION REQUIRED

Adjusted Gross Income Verification Process

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide producers with consent forms they voluntarily complete and submit to IRS which authorize IRS to disclose information to USDA for 2009 and 2010 Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) compliance purposes. Two consent forms, one for individuals (CCC-927) and one for legal entities (CCC-928) will be used. Producers may obtain the consent forms at their local USDA Service Center or online.

Producers will mail consent forms directly to IRS. USDA Service Center employees will not accept any tax information, completed forms or other tax-related paperwork from producers for this process.

The deadline for producers to submit the consent forms to IRS is June 15, 2010.

As required by law, producers must sign the applicable consent form to grant IRS the authority to provide tax information data to USDA.

After June 15, 2010, a reconciliation process will be initiated to identify producers that did not file a consent form with IRS. Producers identified through this process will receive written notice of the requirement to submit a consent form to IRS to avoid interruption of program payments.

Producers whose average AGI appears to be in excess of the statutory AGI limitations will be notified in writing of the results, and provided the opportunity to make available within 30 days to the applicable FSA State Office, a third party verification from a certified public accountant or attorney that demonstrates AGI limits have not been exceeded.

Producers who fail to respond to written notices of AGI non-compliance or who are determined non-compliant will be notified of the requirement to refund the applicable payments. Actions required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) will be followed by NRCS and FSA.

These forms are available at the counter in the FSA office and will need to be mailed by the producer to the IRS.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 15, 2010-----Deadline to Submit Consent Forms to IRS

June 30, 2010-----2010 Spring Seeded Crop Reporting Deadline

September 1, 2010-----2011 NAP Deadline for Strawberries, Nursery Crops and Turf

November 8, 2010-----EM Loan Application Deadline

November 22, 2010-----2011 NAP Deadline for Peaches, Grapes, Pecans, Apples, Blackberries and Blueberries

Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) Sign-Up Underway

The 2008 Farm Bill created several new disaster programs under the title "Supplemental Agricultural Disaster Assistance" One of the programs created is the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE). SURE replaces previous crop disaster programs and continues until 2011.

You may be eligible for 2008 SURE Program if:

***you purchased crop insurance on all 2008 crops of economic significance

***you suffered a 10% loss on at least one 2008 crop of economic significance due to a natural disaster

A deadline for the 2008 SURE program has not been announced. For more information on the new SURE program, please contact our office.

Policy for Spouses and Agents

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

If you would like for your spouse to be able to obtain your FSA records, please mail us a written statement indicating that you give your spouse permission to do so. You may also stop by the FSA Office to sign a statement. This also applies to anyone acting as your agent.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage equivalent to catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT is not available.

The application deadline for coverage for 2011 **strawberries** and value loss crops (**field container nursery and Turf** crops) is September 1, 2010. The deadline for **grapes, peaches, pecans, apples, blackberries, and blueberries** is November 22, 2010. Producers who already have coverage on 2010 NAP crops may choose to continue coverage on the same crop or crops for 2011, if the applicable service fee is submitted by the application closing date. Producers who choose to add a new crop(s) or delete a crop(s) from previous year's coverage or changing crop shares must file a new CCC-471 with signatures and pay the applicable service fee.

NAP fees are \$250.00 per crop with a maximum charge of \$750.00 to cover all crops within a county with a maximum of \$1875.00 for all counties.

Please contact the Farm Service Agency for a detailed listing of application deadlines on other crops.

Preventing Fraud

The Farm Service Agency supports the Risk Management Agency (RMA) in the prevention of fraud, waste and abuse of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season. FSA will continue to refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse directly to RMA.

Producers can report suspected cases to the county office staff, the Risk Management Agency office, or the Office of the Inspector General.



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Official Business

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

This form is available electronically.

Form Approved - OMB No. 0560-0229

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NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION

The County FSA Committee election will be held on the first Monday of December. Ballots will be mailed to voters not less than 4 weeks before the election.

This form allows individuals to nominate themselves or any other person as a candidate. If additional forms are needed, this one may be copied or may be obtained at the County FSA Office or obtained electronically at <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Each form submitted must be:

- A. Limited to one nominee.
- B. Signed and dated by the nominee in Item 4. Nominee must sign if willing to have his/her name placed on the ballot and agrees to serve if elected.

Note: Name shown on ballot will appear exactly the same as in Agency records.

- C. Delivered to the County FSA Office or postmarked no later than August 2.

The County FSA Committee is responsible for reviewing each form to determine the eligibility of nominees. A person who files this form and is found ineligible will be so notified and have an opportunity to file a challenge.

Persons nominated should actively participate in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A producer is eligible to be a County FSA committee member if the producer resides in the Local Administrative Area (LAA) in which the election is to be held and is eligible to vote. **In Rockingham County the election will be held in LAA 2, which consist of Wentworth, Price, Leaksville and Mayo townships.**

Federal regulations may prohibit County FSA Committee members from holding certain positions in some farm, commodity, and political organizations if such positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. The positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer; and positions on boards or executive committees. Conflict of interest restrictions also apply to employees, operators, managers, and majority owners of tobacco warehouses. Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to the County FSA Office.

A candidate has the option to request that all voted ballots for an individual county committee election be returned to the respective State Office in lieu of being returned to the county office. This request must be in writing and submitted to the local County Executive Director prior to the announced end of the nomination period.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- A. Administering farm program activities conducted by the County FSA Office.
- B. Informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA programs.
- C. Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions.
- D. Monitoring changes in farm programs.
- E. Participating in county meetings as necessary.
- F. Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNTY FSA COMMITTEE ELECTION	

1. NAME OF NOMINEE <i>(Type or print Nominee's Full Name)</i>	TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY FSA OFFICE
2. ADDRESS OF NOMINEE	
3. NOMINEE'S CERTIFICATION <i>I hereby agree to have my name placed on the ballot, that I will serve if elected, and if there is a conflict of interest, I will resign such position.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I DO NOT want to witness the settling of tied votes with another nominee.</i>	5. INITIALS OF EMPLOYEE RECEIVING FORM AND DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i> 6A. COUNTY Rockingham 6B. LAA NO. 3 7. STATE North Carolina
4A. SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE	4B. DATE <i>(MM-DD-YYYY)</i>
DATE OF ELECTION IS 1st MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR	

8. TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

VOLUNTARY INFORMATION FOR MONITORING PURPOSES: The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor FSA's compliance with federal laws prohibiting discrimination against program participants on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, handicapped condition, or age. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your nomination or to discriminate against you in any way.

ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	RACE (Choose as many boxes as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> America Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

- Complete the form as follows:
- ITEM 1** Type or Print the nominee's full name. The nominee must be:
 - A. Eligible to vote in the designated County FSA Committee election.
 - B. Eligible to hold the office of County FSA Committee member.
 - C. Willing to serve if elected.
 - ITEM 2** Enter the nominee's current address.
 - ITEM 3** The nominee must check one of the boxes to indicate a preference regarding the settling of tied votes.
 - ITEM 4** The nominee must sign and date.
 - ITEM 8** Completing this item is voluntary.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE COUNTY OFFICE OR POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 2.

NOTE: *The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR Part 7. The information will be used to obtain nominees for County FSA Committee.*

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0560-0229. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.