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Chatham County, NC FSA Updates

Chatham County FSA Office

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Clarence Durham - Chair
Billy Fitts - Vice Chair
Johnny Glosson - Member
Barbara Pugh - Advisor

Next County Committee Meeting: January 24

9:00 am

Chatham County FSA Office Has Moved

The Chatham County FSA Office has moved into the new Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center! Our new address is:

1192 US 64W Business
Suite 212
Pittsboro, NC 27312

This will now be our new mailing and physical address.

Our phone number will remain the same, 919-542-2244 ext. 2.

Unfortunately our phones are not working in the new building yet. The best way to contact the county office is to visit the office or email any of us at:

claudia.a.austin@nc.usda.gov

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Thank you for your patience through this transition. We are finding out just how hard it is to move everything out of a building the office has occupied for 60 years. It's also been interesting finding a place for everything in our new building.

Report Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality **due to adverse weather**, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For 2017, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2017, and before December 31, 2017. **A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent.** Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to the FSA office no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year for which benefits are requested:

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions. Producers who suffer livestock losses in 2017 must file both of the following:

- A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent or by January 30, 2018
- An application for payment by January 30, 2018.

Additional Information about LIP is available at the Chatham County FSA Office or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,399,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your lender for more information on guaranteed loans.

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