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Chatham County, NC FSA Updates

Chatham County FSA Office Office Status

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Next County Committee Meeting: March 14
9:00 am

The Chatham County FSA Office is settled into our new space. The last of the equipment is here and operational. **This means our phones, computers, and printers are all working!!** Our mailing and physical address is:

1192 US 64W Business
Suite 212
Pittsboro, NC 27312

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

Our email addresses are:
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Please stop by the new office. We will be glad to give you a tour of the new building.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA with 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property. County government offices, Realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

General Reminders

Save Time – Make an Appointment with FSA

To insure maximum use of your time and to insure that you are afforded our full attention to your important business needs, please call our office ahead of your visit to set an appointment and to discuss any records or documentation that you may need to have with you when you arrive for your appointment. Our phone number is 919-542-2244 ext. 2.

Update Your Records

If you have any unreported changes of address or zip code or an incorrect name or business name on file they need to be reported to our office. Changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase or dropping a farm from your operation, need to be reported to our office as well. Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan. Also if you have a change in banking information, those records need to be kept current. If we have erroneous banking information, and you are due a payment, that will delay your receipt of the payment.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. This is especially true in cases of buying or selling land. We are not connected to the tax office or the Register of Deeds, so the only way we have to keep up with ownership changes is for the buyer or seller to keep us informed.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in a meeting should contact Claudia A Austin at 919-542-2244 extension 2 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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