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SURE Disaster Program Deadline for 2009 Crops is Nearing

USDA Anson County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director, Tina Atkins is reminding producers that Friday, July 29, is the deadline to apply for 2009 crop loss assistance under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible Anson County producers on farms that incurred crop production or quality losses.

"USDA stresses to all eligible Anson County producers to be aware of this deadline," said Atkins. "SURE covers producers on farms in disaster counties that incurred crop production, crop-quality losses or both. But to qualify, farmers need to file now. I highly encourage Anson County producers to visit the USDA Farm Service Agency Office at 1758 Morven Rd, Wadesboro."

The SURE program takes into consideration losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance and obtained a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), for all economically significant crops. A producer must have a farm interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Secretary of Agriculture under a Secretarial Disaster Designation or have actual production on the farm that was less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

A limit of \$100,000 per person and legal entity collectively received, directly and indirectly, applies to the combination of payments from SURE and the livestock disaster programs administered by FSA — Livestock Forage Program (LFP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP). Persons or legal entities whose average nonfarm income exceeds \$500,000 are not eligible for SURE payments.

A producer interested in signing up for SURE for 2009 crops must do so before closing of business July 29, 2011, at the county FSA office servicing the producer. The sign-up for the SURE program for the 2010 crops will be announced at a later date.

For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, visit disaster.fsa.usda.gov/.

Legislative Update

From Rep. Frank McGuirt: After a short time at home, we were called back to Raleigh this week by the leadership of the General Assembly. They plan for the next two weeks is to work on election laws, vetoes and redistricting plans. I hope you will take some time to review the maps proposed by the majority. The plan they have proposed will do great damage to House District 69. It will be completely re-drawn removing the City of Monroe and the Town of Wingate and placing them into a district with much of western Union County. The remainder of current District 69 will group Anson County with northern and southern portions of Union County. The overall result will diminish the influence of our communities in eastern Union and all of Anson County. If you would like to review the plan more thoroughly, you can visit www.ncleg.net and click on the "Redistricting" tab at the top of the page. At the Congressional level they have altered our voting districts by packing together African-Americans into supermajority districts that break up counties and communities. They then draw districts around them that often heavily favor Republicans. North Carolina has been a swing state for many years and these proposed maps mask that reality with gerrymandered districts that will result in less competitive races in most districts. The site also contains information about a scheduled public hearing on July 18 and assured you to register to speak or submit comments. If you are dissatisfied with these plans, I hope you will let people know. The minority party has had no part in crafting this proposal and no input into how the districts were drawn.

Override votes on bills vetoed by the governor are eligible to be considered during this session as well. The law calls for override votes to be considered first in the chamber in which the bills originated. The Senate went into session Wednesday and immediately voted to override six bills. These bills will now come to the House, the first day they are scheduled to be considered is July 25. It is not yet clear whether this chamber will actually take up each of these bills.

- The bills overridden this week by the Senate are:
- SB 33 Medical Liability Reforms. Reforms the state's medical malpractice laws. The governor said that while bipartisan legislation on tort reform and workmen's compensation were approved this year, the medical malpractice bill still needed work because it failed to protect people who are catastrophically injured
 - SB 496 Medicaid & Health Choice Provider Requirements. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to screen Medicaid and Health Choice providers and applicants. The governor said she supported many aspects of the bill but that a provision that moved final decision making authority from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Office of Administrative Hearings violated federal Medicaid Law and the state constitution.
 - SB 532 ESC/Jobs Reform. Creates the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Commerce and transfers the functions of the Employment Security Commission to that division. Also makes other changes the governor says would drastically change the employment system in North Carolina and increase unemployment taxes on businesses. The governor issued an executive order to make some of changes that were a part of the bill.
 - SB 709 Energy Jobs Act. Moves the state quickly toward allowing offshore oil drilling and the controversial practice of "fracking" in search of natural gas. The governor vetoed the bill because it ordered her and the governors of South Carolina and Virginia to form an energy compact, a violation of separation of powers.
 - SB 727 No Dues Checkoff for School Employees. Prevents educators from paying membership dues to the North Carolina Association of Educators through paycheck deduction. The governor said it was a punitive measure against teachers who opposed the Republican budget.
 - SB 781 Regulatory Reform Act of 2011. Attempts to create more regulatory efficiency. This governor again said she supported many aspects of the bill, but that it moved final decision making in many cases from the agencies of the Office of Administrative Hearings in violation of the state constitution.

Blood Drive July 28 at Chesterfield General Hospital

Chesterfield General Hospital (CGH) will host a blood drive on Thursday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital. You are asked to please bring a blood ID. Register online at www.givelife.org or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to register for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted.

According to the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region, we are facing a critical blood shortage. The Red Cross has responded to more than 40 major disasters in more than 30 states over the past three months alone — delivering help and hope to people affected by floods, tornadoes and wildfires. But there's another, more personal, kind of disaster which can happen to anyone at any time if blood is needed and it's not available.

"As a physician, I have seen first-hand how blood transfusions can truly help save lives," said Courtney K. Hopkins, Medical Director for the South Carolina and Southern Blood Service Regions. "However, a critical blood shortage like the one we're experiencing right now could have a devastating effect on a patient whose survival may depend on blood being there when needed."

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The governor also vetoed a bill (HB 351) that would require voters to present photo identification at the polls. The governor said the bill was an unneeded obstacle to suppress voting, particularly among elderly, poor and minority voters. This bill may be considered for a veto override or sent to a committee for additional consideration during this special session.

We have succeeded so far in preventing passage of a bill that would repeal same day voter registration, repeal straight-party voting, rotate parties on the ballot, make judicial races partisan and remove the public financing system from three Council of State races.

The bill (S47) has been returned to a committee for now, but is expected to come up during this session.

A recent poll found that just 20 percent of the people in the state support the budget passed by Republicans last month despite our objections and those of the governor. Public Policy Polling, a firm based in Raleigh, also found that just 18 percent of the respondents in the poll believe the budget will create jobs, while 45 percent believe the budget will lead to job losses. Nearly half say they or someone they know has been forced out of a job in teaching or government in the past six months. For a full discussion of the poll results, visit publicpolicy polling.blogspot.com/2011/07

I encourage you to send me your thoughts on the redistricting plans, and on possible veto overrides. I value your opinions and am here to represent you. 919-715-3007, Frank.McGuirt@ncleg.net

Parks and Rec Movie is Toy Story

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering a free movie, *Toy Story*, that will be shown at the Hampton B. Allen Library at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26. This movie was generously donated by Hometown Video, which is located at 118 West Wade Street in uptown Wadesboro. Everyone is invited to attend. The free movie for August 2 is Megamind.