

Agricultural News

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Reporting 2013 Losses
Excessive rain across the state have damaged some crops and slowed development of others. USDA reminds producers faced with questions on crop losses to contact their crop insurance companies and local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Centers, as applicable, to report damages to crops or livestock loss, and not to destroy or discontinue care for your crops.

Farmers are reminded to report any loss within 72 hours of discovery to their insurance company. Farmers must report prevented planting acreage to their insurance company, in writing, within 15 calendar days after the final planting date.

Losses must be reported and an insurance adjuster must view and release the crop before the crop is destroyed.

Farmers are also reminded to contact their insurance agent if they have any questions about coverage, prevented planting, or for reporting and processing a claim.

Producers who have not purchased NAP insurance may report losses within the 15 day time period and file the FSA Notice of Loss form for reporting purposes only.

USDA reminds livestock producers to keep thorough records of losses, including additional expenses for such things as food purchased due to lost supplies.

For additional information and updates about USDA's efforts, please visit www.usda.gov/disaster.

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP)
The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program. To be eligible for direct and counter-cyclical payments, producers must enroll their farms in DCP during the sign-up period which began on Feb. 19, 2013 and ends on Aug. 2, 2013. Please call 606-256-2525 to schedule an appointment.

Crop Acreage Reporting Extended
Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers of the acreage reporting requirements that

must be met prior to receiving program benefits. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. Has been extended to August 2nd which now is the final date to certify all crops, except small grains.

Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). All cropland on farms must be certified to remain eligible for these programs

2013 FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS
Do you know someone who is interested in serving on a local USDA Farm Ser-

vice Agency County Committee?

From June 17th through August 1st, you can nominate a candidate to run for a position on your local county committee.

Nomination forms are available on our website www.fsa.usda.gov/elections or from your FSA County Office and must be postmarked or delivered back to your county office by August 1. Voting takes place this fall.

Nominate and vote; FSA is counting on you.

For more information about this and other FSA programs please visit your local FSA county office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
CRP General Sign-up: May 20 – June 14, 2013
CRP Continuous Sign-up: May 13 – September

30, 2013

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.250%
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct =3.250%
Limited Resource Loans=5.000%
Farm Storage Loans-7 yr.=1.500%, 10 yr.=2.125%, 12 yr.=2.375%
Commodity Loans-1.125%
TTPP(Maximum Discount Rate)=5.000%

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Ben “Cooter” Jones to be at Renfro Valley

Ben Jones from Dukes of Hazzard fame is performing at Renfro Valley with his band called Cooter's Garage Band on August 10 at 8 p.m.

Jones has had a long and

distinguished career in entertainment and politics. He grew up in a railroad shack in Portsmouth, Va., and he began acting professionally in theatre while attending

the University of North Carolina.

He has appeared in more than 80 theatrical productions, 25 feature films and hundreds of television programs. He became internationally popular as one of the stars of the Dukes of Hazzard TV series, which is still a hit today in more than 50 countries. Jones played the role of ‘Cooter,’ the mechanic who was always busy fixing up cars, including the General Lee. The General Lee, an orange Dodge Charger, has been named one of the most popular cars in TV and film history.

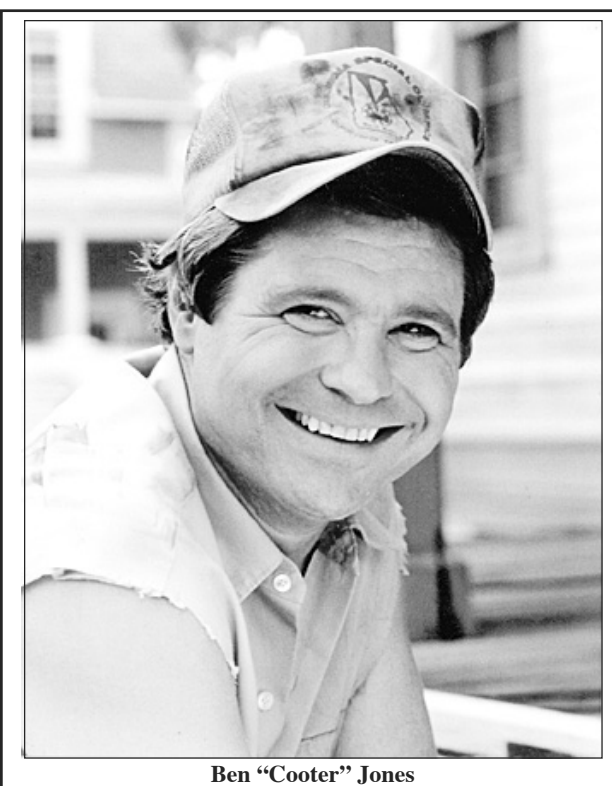
From 1989 to 1993, Jones served in the U.S. Congress, representing Georgia's fourth district, and as a political commentator, he has appeared on many national television programs.

The Dukes craze is still alive today, thanks in part to Jones and his wife, Alma. The couple is planning “Dukes of Hazzard Fan Fair”, a Dukes of Hazzard themed festival in June 2013 in Nashville.

In addition, Jones and his wife are the proprietors of two Dukes themed stores/museums called Cooter's Place. The two locations are Nashville and Gatlinburg, TN.

In 2008, Jones released his first book titled Redneck Boy in the Promised Land. In the book, Jones shares his inspiring story and improbable rise to fame.

For more information about Ben ‘Cooter’ Jones, his appearance schedule and more... visit website www.cootersplace.com



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AUGUST 3-10, 2013

Mid South Fun Fairs/Carnival Events

Aug 3 - FUN HORSE SHOW - 5:30pm
Gates open 3:00pm - Admission \$6

Aug 4 - OLD FASHION DAYS MULE PULL - 2:00pm
LIVE MUSIC - 2:00-3:15pm Wilderness Road
3:30-4:45pm Dix River Crossing
5:00-6:15pm Jake Vanover Jordan Leigh
Gates open 12:00pm Admission \$5

Aug 4 - MISS LITTLE WORLDS FAIR PAGEANT - 4:00pm
Location - Brodhead Elementary School - Admission - \$5

Aug 5 - DEMOLITION DERBY - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:00pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 6 - LAWN MOWER DEMOLITION DERBY - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:00pm - Carnival Opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 7 - WRESTLING - 7:00pm
Featuring - Southern Independent Wrestling Federation
Gates open 5:00pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 8 - KOTTPA TRUCK PULL - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:00pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 9 - KTPA TRUCK PULL - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:00 pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

Aug 10 - MUD RACES - 7:00pm
Gates open 5:00pm - Carnival opens 6:00pm - Admission \$10

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