

Anson County USDA: Foreign Persons Must Report Agricultural Land Holdings

Anson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Amy Yaklin reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and transactions to the US Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Yaklin.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Anson County FSA office. FSA County offices maintain reports for the county where the land is located. "Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Yaklin.

Agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. Reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must file a report when there is a change in ownership status as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Anson County FSA office at 704-694-3516 extension 2 or visit the USDA website at www.usda.gov.

School Bus Numbers Have Been Changed

The Anson County School System has announced that the school bus numbers have changed effective August 27. Presented below is a list of the changes:

10 Replaced By 19; 27 Replaced By 10; 164 Replaced By 18; 165 Replaced By 97; 173 Replaced By 23; 15 Replaced By 15; 17 Replaced By 17; 181 Replaced By 181; 189 Replaced By 22; 203 Replaced By 201; 159 Replaced By 159; 177 Replaced By 20; 155 Replaced By 15; 170 Replaced By 175; 13 Replaced By 13; 21 Replaced By 21; 95 Replaced By 95; 186 Replaced By 14; 188 Replaced By 24; 192 Replaced By 192; 200 Replaced By 200; 202 Replaced By 202; 19 Replaced By 27; 25 Replaced By 25; 261 Replaced By 26; 171 Replaced By 96; 178 Replaced By 11; 183 Replaced By 99; 201 Replaced By 203; 11 Replaced By 178; 18 Replaced By 164; 22 Replaced By 189; 98 Replaced By 98; 153 Replaced By 153; 156 Replaced By 160; 157 Replaced By 157; 158 Replaced By 158; 160 Replaced By 156; 163 Replaced By 163; 166 Replaced By 199; 168 Replaced By 168; 172 Replaced By 176; 175 Replaced By 170; 176 Replaced By 172; 180 Replaced By 180; 187 Replaced By 187; 190 Replaced By 190; 191 Replaced By 191; 197 Replaced By 167; 198 Replaced By 198; 14 Replaced By 186; 20 Replaced By 177; 23 Replaced By 173; 24 Replaced By 188; 26 Replaced By 161; 96 Replaced By 171; 97 Replaced By 165; 99 Replaced By 183; 100 Replaced By 100; 154 Replaced By 154; 167 Replaced By 197; 174 Replaced By 174; 179 Replaced By 179; 185 Replaced By 185; 193 Replaced By 196; 194 Replaced By 194; 196 Replaced By 193; 199 Replaced By 166; 16 Replaced By 16; 195 Replaced By 195; 2001 Replaced By 2001; 2002 Replaced By 2002.

Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn Features Hospice

In a release from the Chamber of Commerce: Hospice of Anson and the Anson County Chamber of Commerce cordially invite chamber members to attend our next Lunch & Learn Session titled "Hospice of Anson County-the Future of Caring for our Community." Hospice Executive Director Jamie Cicali will give an informative Power Point presentation on the future of caring for our community. You will learn more about the philosophy of Hospice, services offered, and have a brief discussion on the emerging field of palliative care.

Chamber members please join us for this free Lunch & Learn session on Tuesday, September 13th at 11:45 a.m. at the Chamber office, located at 107 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. Seating will be limited to the first 25, so please R.S.V.P. your attendance as soon as possible. Deadline for registration will be September 9th. You may register by calling 704-694-4181 or email to ansonchamber@windstream.net.

Don't forget your business cards for door prizes and to share with other attendees.

Feeling Stretched Caring for a Relative or Friend?

Learn how to balance your life with the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class

In a release from Grace Senior Center: A family caregiver is someone who helps a relative or friend with the things that he/she cannot do because of a medical conditions disabling effects. Most caregiving experiences start with taking them to the doctor or grocery store and gradually coming to doing some housework and preparing the meals. Some experiences start after a short stay in the hospital and now he/she needs help bathing and getting dressed. In most situations the care continues and as time goes by more of your time will be needed to tend to his/her needs.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a free educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself so you can continue to provide good quality care. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend. Someone who lives at home, in a facility, or across the country. This class will not only benefit those new to caregiving but also those who have been providing care for an extended period.

This program will help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six 60 minute sessions are held once a week. Lisa Ledford and Rita Short co-lead the series. Both are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the "tools" you choose and put them into action.

Classes will be held at the Anson Community Hospice office located at 110 South Greene Street in Wadesboro. Sessions will be held each Tuesday, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on Tuesday September 13 and ending on Tuesday October 18.

For more information or to register, contact Rita Short at 704-694-6217. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is sponsored by the Anson County Council on Aging and Anson Community Hospice.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Signups Begin October 15

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan signup begins October 15 and runs until December 7. Those individuals with existing plans who want to make changes may do so during this period. People who are just turning 65 years of age can choose a Medicare Part D plan. Failure to choose a plan will result in a penalty when the person does sign up.

For those people who fall into the Low Income Subsidy program, there will be a low cost for premiums and medications. You can also apply for extra help.

During the signup period please call Grace Senior Center for an appointment, Monday through Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. The telephone number is 704-694-6616.

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