

# HARDING COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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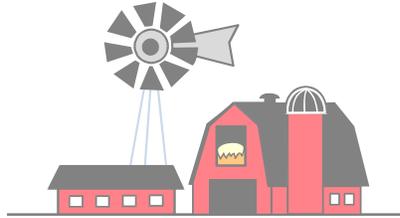
Jerry Thurman, CED  
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## COC REGULAR MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of  
Each Month at 9:00 AM  
Next meeting March 5, 2008

## OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Monday – Friday



## TELEPHONE NUMBER

(575) 485-2294

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(575) 485-2495

March 2008

**LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS**-Sign-up has started for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), and Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Harding County producers are eligible for losses caused by natural disasters in 2006. Each program is limited to a maximum pay limit of \$80,000 dollars. **Payments for LCP and CDP** are being issued once all of the necessary paperwork is filed and approved.

If applying for LCP, you will need to know the number of eligible livestock owned or leased and the physical location of livestock on Jan. 1, 2006. You will need to provide current leases if applicable. Livestock eligible for LCP are: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine or deer that: have been physically located in an eligible county on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period and have been maintained for commercial use as part of the farming operation.

Eligible producers must have either owned or cash leased eligible livestock on the beginning date of the applicable disaster period. Producers must have suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or feedstuffs, or incurred additional feed costs as a result of the eligible disaster event during the applicable disaster period. You will need to provide current leases if applicable.

**CDP CHANGE FOR THE 2007 CROP YEAR** The 2007 total crop year is now eligible for CDP. The eligible disaster ending planting dates were moved from Feb. 28 2007 to December 31 2007. If you have already applied for CDP on 2005 or 2006 and you believe the loss for 2007 is greater, or you suffered a loss in 2007 and you had crop insurance or NAP coverage, give us a call and we will have you complete the 2007 application.

If applying for CDP, only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. If you did not previously file a loss on NAP or Federal Crop insurance, you will need to provide verifiable and reliable production records such as sales documents, delivery receipts, warehouse receipts or contemporaneous diaries.

We strongly recommend calling the office and setting up an appointment before driving to town.

Although a deadline has not been announced, please don't wait until the last day to apply.

For more detailed application and eligibility information please contact the office at 575-485-2294 or access the LCP or CDP fact sheets on the internet at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> and clicking on Disaster Assistance Programs.

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**NON-INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)-Deadlines to pay \$100 Administration Fee:**

**March 15 – Millet and Sorghum September 30 – Oats,Tritcale,Wheat**

**Notice of Loss-** Producers who have a loss **must file** a Notice of Loss in this office **within 15** calendar days following the occurrence of prevented planting, end of the planting period, the disaster event, or date damage to the crop acreage is apparent.

**IMPORTANT-LOSSES MUST BE REPORTED FOR THE FOLLOWING CROPS NO LATER THAN:**

**2008 Grass Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**2008 Forage Crops Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**NO FARM BILL YET-** Although the house and senate have made progress with the new farm bill, nothing has been finalized yet. Once the Farm Bill is signed into law, we will update you on when program sign up will begin. We will also notify you of any changes in program policy and how will affect you.

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**BEWARE OF CROP INSURANCE REBATING SCHEMES-**With the spring sales closing date for many Federal crop insurance policies right around the corner, crop insurance agents have stepped up their marketing efforts. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) has received reports from producers and agents that some aggressive marketers have been approaching producers with rebating offers. These schemes promise lower insurance premiums, refunds, dividends, or items of value tied to crop insurance purchases. Most of these activities are illegal. RMA reminds all Federal crop insurance program participants that it is now coordinating with state regulators to take appropriate regulatory action against all those who are found to promote or participate in such schemes. **Producers who are found to participate in illegal rebating activities will not only lose their crop insurance coverage but will also lose eligibility in all USDA programs.** Producers and agents can report suspicions of illegal rebating to the OIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9121

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**RECORD CHANGES** - Contact the Harding County FSA Office if there are any changes to your farming operation such as:

- \* Name/Address/Telephone
- \* Direct Deposit information
- \* Death of owner/operator
- \* Private/state leases
- \* Change in owner/operator
- \* Change in partnership, corporation, trust, estate, etc

**Failure to report these changes can result in loss of benefits.**

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