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RECORD CORRECTIONS

It is that time of the year again when rents will be paid and cash rent statements will be signed for crop year 2007. We need to stress to all producers and landowners that accurate records must be obtained to participate in farm programs. That would include having the person who is on the deed sign the cash rent statement. It would also include any landowners that are recently deceased and record changes were made to the ownership of the property. Please make sure that your records are accurate for the up and coming crop year.

CRP/CREP ACREAGE AVAILABLE FOR SIGN-UP

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) are still open for eligible acres to be enrolled. Both programs have some unique options available that could possibly fit your farming operation, and if you are interested in finding out more about these conservation programs, please call the office for more information. Unless reauthorized, the opportunity to enroll in these programs will end December 30, 2007. So don't miss out!

2007 CROP YEAR DCP SIGN-UP

Once again we are at that time of year where producers can sign-up for the 2007 DCP program. Producers are encouraged to have all of their cash rent statements for their landowners at the time of the appointment. If a lease was obtained in the past with multiple years, we will be able to bring a copy of the lease forward for 2007. Signup ends on June 1, 2007. A late fee of \$100 per farm will apply between June 2 and September 30, 2007.

A cash rent certification can be used as in the past, but producers who use this provision must have had at least one cash rent statement signed by the landowner, and will not be able to take an advance payment until after July 1, 2007.

Advance payments this year have changed from last year in which the advance will be made on 22 percent of the total payment and the remaining 78 percent will be issued in October of 2007. Producers are encouraged to be aware of this change in advance payment amount and make arrangements as necessary since advance monies are considerably less than in past years.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Special accommodations will be made upon request for any individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, please call John Porath at (989) 772-5927 ext. 2.

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LDP'S

Producers were encouraged to sign LDP forms at crop certification time in case the price of commodities went below the loan rate. Well, this happened for soybeans earlier in the year and producers that have this crop will be contacted to turn in their production for an LDP if they delivered on one of the dates that an LDP existed. Corn however did not fall below the loan rate and therefore did not have an LDP price for 2006. Producers that still have control of their grain are encouraged to watch prices in case there is a change.

POWER OF ATTORNEYS

All Power of Attorneys will be reviewed by our office. Durable Power of Attorneys will only be accepted if the person is deemed to be incompetent or incapacitated. Producers that are corporations and partnerships will also need to have paperwork on file that states who can sign for the entity that make up your farming operation. Please make sure that all necessary forms are on file with us.

OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1ST

Producers are reminded that we will be closed on Monday December 25, 2006 and Monday January 1, 2007, and should schedule appointments appropriately. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment with these dates in mind.

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