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Monday – Friday
8:00am – 4:30pm
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COC ELECTION RESULTS

After serving on the COC for the 9 year term limit, William H. Meylan's term is done. Elections were held for the COC for the following townships: Beaver, Kawkawlin, Williams, Monitor and Bangor. Election ballots were counted and William C. Meylan was elected to the COC to represent these townships. The term of election is for a 3 year term, congratulations to Bill Meylan for being elected.

GEGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS)

In the next few months this will be the catch phrase that will be used with producers when dealing with what is used for acreage on farms for our records. The old paper maps will soon be replaced with digital imagery which will be much more accurate to determine the acreage that is being farmed. Operators and owners will be receiving copies of maps in the mail and a revised acreage for each tract of land that needs to be carefully reviewed. More information will be coming out on this in the near future.

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. You must sign up annually to participate. There will be a \$100 charge to late file a DCP contract between June 2 and September 30, 2007. 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.

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.

RECORD CORRECTIONS

Producers are being reminded to let us know as soon as possible if there will be any changes to your farming operation. The sooner we are made aware of changes; we can update our records to prevent any delays in enrolling into the farm programs.

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Farm Loan Programs

The Farm Loan Program provides credit for family-size farms for operating (OL), farm ownership (FO) and emergency (EM) loan purposes. We currently have a disaster designation, which enables us to provide emergency loan assistance. This designation is based on 2006 production and physical losses due to excessive rain, flooding, hail and high winds which occurred on and after April 26, 2006.

We also have the youth loan program which can be used to finance a money making project for youth ages 10-20. These loans are often used to fund 4-H or FFA projects.

The loan program for Bay County is administered by the Farm Loan personnel located in the Mt Pleasant FSA office. They can be reached at 989 772-5927 for additional information or to schedule an appointment to discuss the various loan programs.

OFFICE CLOSED February 19, 2007, FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

Producers are reminded that we will be closed on the above date, and should schedule appointments appropriately. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment with this date in mind.

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