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## Central U.P. News



### Delta Area USDA Service Center

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Marquette County FSA**  
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#### Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### County Committee

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#### Staff

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### DCP?

We are anticipating a **new Farm Bill** sign up again this year. Please watch your local news sources for more information on the new Farm Bill.

### HELIC/WC

The 1985 Farm Bill created the Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) compliance linkage to USDA benefits. Subsequent Farm Bills have strengthened this concept. Basically, farm program participants need to be in compliance with HELIC and WC rules on all fields that they farm. It is your responsibility to complete a new AD-1026 form when you pick up new acreage, plan to clear, drain, or put in tile on existing cropland. Making these changes without prior approval by NRCS can result in loss of USDA Program payments.



*Please note the FSA office will be closed on November 12, 2007 in observance of Veteran's Day.*



We are pleased to announce Rachel Miron as our new temporary Program Technician. We look forward to having her on board!

### Livestock Programs

**LCP** – Livestock Compensation Program provides payment for pasture and feed loss

**LIP** – Livestock Indemnity Program provides payment for livestock deaths

Our service area has disaster designation for drought, winter kill, frost and freeze for 2005 and 2006.

**Eligible** livestock are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats, reindeer, swine, equine, deer and poultry.

Livestock maintained for reasons other than commercial use as part of a farming operation are **ineligible**, that include hunting, show, pleasure, rodeo stock, pets, roping and consumption by the owner. Ineligible livestock are yaks, llamas, emus, ostriches, quail, pheasant, stillborn, unborn and wild free roaming livestock.

Eligible livestock must have been physically located in a disaster county on the beginning date of the disaster period and maintained for commercial use as part of a farming operation. **There are NO LATE SIGN UP ALLOWANCES.**



**Jerry Rosenquist, Farm Loan Manager, is Retiring**

After 30 + years with USDA, Jerry is retiring. In celebration, the office is hosting an **Open House on Thursday, December 6, 2007 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** at the USDA Service Center in Gladstone. Please stop by and say hello and goodbye to Jerry.

## 2005, 2006, 2007 Disaster Programs

Assistance is available for quantity and quality losses for 2005, 2006 or 2007 crops that suffered a loss due to damaging weather. Sign up began on October 15, 2007. No deadline date has been set as of this printing.

The 2007 crops must have been planted or prevented from being planted before February 28, 2007. For our area this includes winter wheat planted in the fall of 2006 for harvest in 2007, established and existing hay fields, apple orchards, bee colonies and bees, and value loss crops such a ginseng and Christmas Trees.

Quality losses must exceed 35%.

Quality losses must be 25% or greater.

Eligible crops must have been covered under a **Crop Insurance Policy or a NAP (Noninsured Assistance Program) policy issued by a county office.**

Payments may be assigned to another person or business or issued joint to the producer and another party.

Producers must file a separate application by crop and unit and submit the following forms if not already on file for the applicable year.

CCC-502 Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility  
Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification  
AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification

**\*\*\*Please remember once sign up begins it is helpful to call and make an appointment!**



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