



## SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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### USDA ANNOUNCES DATES FOR NEW LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced sign-up dates for the new Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Indemnity Program and Crop Disaster Program. The three ad-hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years. Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning **September 10, 2007**. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning **October 15, 2007**, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible. LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disasters occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006, or 2007 calendar years **must choose only one year** for which they want to apply for benefits. Livestock that will be eligible for LCP are: dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, catfish, crawfish, equine, sheep, goats, swine, poultry or deer. The payment rate for each livestock category will be 61 percent of the national payment rate which is yet to be determined. USDA will publish these rates in the LCP fact sheet. Producers will not be penalized if they reduced the average number of livestock they owned for grazing during the production year for which assistance is being provided. Producers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in LCP benefits. Sign-up for the LCP program has been announced to begin September 10<sup>th</sup>. Additional information regarding sign-up forms and availability of software will be made available when known.

**Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted in natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. Producers incurring eligible livestock losses in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

**Crop Disaster Program (CDP)** provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007. Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. 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. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price. The payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss. The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss. Assistance, together with any crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of the crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of the total value of the crop absent the disaster. Farmers may receive a maximum of \$80,000 in CDP benefits. Sign-up for this program will begin October 15, 2007.

### Notice of Loss

Notices of loss for the Non-Insured Assistance Program (NAP) crops must be filed in this office within 15 days of the disaster event or whenever the loss becomes apparent to the producer. If you abandon, destroy, or change your harvest intentions without requesting a crop appraisal, the acreage will be considered to have produced ½ the Actual Production History (APH) yield guarantee. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

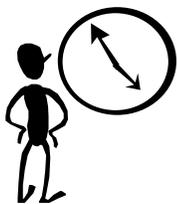
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### **Conservation Partners Offer Assistance to “Turn Your Natural Resource Problems into Opportunities”**

The USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) offer Natural resource technical planning and financial incentive assistance to landowners of Jackson County. To learn more about our services and programs you can also access information anytime online at <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov> or <http://www@jwcd.org>. You can also contact these conservation offices at (541) 776-4267 ext. 3 or (541) 734-3143.

For conservation assistance in Josephine County, contact Suzy Liebenberg (NRCS) at (541) 476-5856 or Josephine SWCD at (541) 474-6840 or the Illinois Valley SWCD at (541) 592-3731.



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 10, 2007-LCP sign-up begins**

**October 15, 2007-CDP sign-up begins**

**November 2, 2007- Ballots mailed to eligible voters**

**December 3, 2007- Last day to return ballots to USDA Service Center**

**January 1, 2008- Elected committee members take office**

**September 28- Conservation Cost Share List (Practice Payment Schedule) Unveiled at the NRCS office**

**November 30- Application deadline for 2008 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) to NRCS office**

**September 15 – OWEB Small Grants Application Due (to Jackson SWCD @ 743-3143)**

**October 15 – OWEB Restoration Grant (Large Grant) Applications due (to OWEB)**

**3rd Wednesday every month – Jackson SWCD Board Meetings**

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