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Menominee, Dickinson, Iron County Newsletter

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ATTENTION
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT
PARTICIPATION IN
USDA FARM
PROGRAMS
ENCLOSED



Your New Combined County Committee

Your County Committee is now a 5 member committee serving all Menominee, Dickinson and Iron County producers.

Brad Pellegrini is from Vulcan, James Revall and Janis Linderoth are from the Daggett area, and Nick Hanchek is from Wilson. They all operate family dairy farms. Mike Brzoznowski has a farming operation north of Iron River.

Filing a Notice of Loss Under Your 2007 NAP Policy

Producers are reminded to file a Notice of Loss with the office if they feel that a weather event caused **any damage or any loss** of the crop covered under the policy. A Notice of loss must be filed with the county office within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or when crop damage is apparent to the producer. Filing a notice of loss timely gives the County Committee the opportunity to inspect the damaged crop acreage and to verify the claimed loss. **Do not destroy the damaged crop acreage until it has been field checked by office staff.**

Remember to turn in your 2006 hay production by the July 15, 2007 deadline so that it can be used in your 2007 yield data base.

2007 DCP Sign Up is Extended

The June 1 DCP enrollment deadline has been extended. Producer now have until August 3, 2007 to enroll base acres into a 2007 DCP contract. The late-file fee of \$100 per farm will be assessed for farms that are enrolled after August 3rd but on or before September 30, 2007. When you initiate your contract you have the option of taking a 22% advance direct payment. If you choose no advance payment, then your total final direct payment will be processed in October.

Maintenance of Idle DCP Contract Base Acres

If you are not growing crops on your base acres for payment, keep in mind that you are required under the terms of the contract to keep the weeds and erosion controlled.

Report all Farming Interests

ALL Agricultural land that is owned and or rented by a producer must be listed as a farming interest. Don't jeopardize your program benefits by not having a complete record of ALL your farming interests.

Please let us know if you have other farming interests that are not listed on your current AD-1026A.

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Need 2007 Operating Money?

Contact the Farm Loan staff in Gladstone @ 906 428 1060 ext. 2 for more information on your loan options, loan terms and current interest rates.

Are You in Need of More Grain Storage on the Farm?

We have 7 year loans available for **new or used farm storage and handling facilities**. The April interest rate is 4.5%. Contact the office for more information.

May 31, 2007 is the Final Date for a 2006 Crop Corn or Soybean Loan

These 9 month loans are at the rate of \$1.78 per bushel for corn and \$4.85 per bushel of soybeans. When market prices are low you have the option of repaying the loan at the CCC-determined value which is the posted county price for that day. When market prices are high you re-pay principal and any applicable charges plus interest. The rate for loans disbursed in April is at 6.0%.

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