



# Clinton County FSA News

## Clinton County USDA Service Center

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### County Committee Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month.

## 2008 Crop Program

We have received many inquiries from producers who want to sign up for the 2008 crop program. We are currently waiting for a program to be announced and will keep you informed of any updates through newsletters, radio announcements, and mailings.

## 2007 Spring Planted Crops Added to Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

A national disaster program was developed for producers who suffered 2005, 2006 or 2007 crop losses caused by damaging weather and related conditions. 2007 losses initially included only those crops that were planted or prevented from planted before February 28, 2007. **Now all 2007 crops are eligible for this program.**

**Sign-up deadline:** To be announced

**Eligible Crops:** are those crops eligible to be insured by Federal Crop Insurance or NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program). In the year of the loss, the crop must have has insurance purchased under one of the above programs. The damages must be in excess of a 35% loss of production or 25% for quality losses.

**RMA downloads:** Crop insurance will download us the production that was used if you had a claim. We are still receiving 2007 production information.

For insurance policies that do not collect production records (GRIP, GRP, AGR, CAT) we will need verifiable and/or reliable production records to go with your application.

**Appointments:** are recommended

## 2005 - 2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

The Livestock Compensation Program was developed to provide benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed loss or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters occurring between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec 31, 2007.

**Sign-up deadline:** To be announced

### Eligible Livestock:

- dairy/beef cattle, equine, poultry, sheep, goats, swine.
- physically located in the county on the beginning date of disaster.
- have been maintained for commercial use as part of the farming operation.

Ineligible Livestock: wild free roaming animals or animals used for recreational purposes such as pleasure, hunting, pets, roping, or for show.

### Eligible Producers:

- either own or cash-leased eligible livestock on beginning date of applicable disaster period **AND**
- suffered an eligible feed loss from produced or purchased forage or incurred additional feed costs as a result of an eligible disaster event.

Producers who feel that they may be eligible for this program can contact the office for more information.



**Dates to Remember**

- Mar 31** Last Day to apply for a 2007 commodity loan on small grains
- May 5** Last Day to apply for the Dairy Disaster Program
- May 26** Office Closed – Memorial Day
- May 31** Last Day to apply for a 2007 commodity loan on corn or soybeans
- Jun 30** Last Day to report fall seeded crops
- Jul 15** Last Day to report spring seeded crops and CRP

***Dairy Disaster Assistance Payment Program III (DDAP-III)***

This program was developed to provide benefits to dairy producers for dairy production losses that occurred between Jan 1, 2005 and Dec 31, 2007 because of natural disasters.

**Sign-up deadline:** May 5, 2008

Eligibility Requirements: producers must

- have produced and marketed milk in the U.S. during the disaster period
- have suffered dairy production losses due to a declared natural disaster in the county during the eligible disaster period
- provide proof that production losses were the result of the disaster
- provide proof of the average number of cows in the dairy herd

- provide annual milk production during the years of 2003 and 2004 (program base period)
- provide milk production for any year with qualifying losses during the years of 2005, 2006 and 2007

Proof of production history must be based on milk marketing statements obtained from the dairy operation’s marketing cooperative. Production provided must also include any dumped or spoiled milk.

Payment rates and payment factor: Program payment rates are as follows

2005	\$0.1478/cwt
2006	\$0.1264/cwt
2007	\$0.1855/cwt

If total applications nationwide exceed \$16 million, a payment factor will be applied. Payments will be issued after it is determined if a payment reduction is necessary.

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