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**HAPPY WINTER!!**

### **COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bruce Maurer, as he was elected the County Committee (COC) representative for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3. LAA #3 consists of the following townships: Huron, Gore, Bloomfield, Rubicon, Sigel, Sand Beach, Paris and Sherman. The County Committee plays a vital role in administering the USDA Programs, so "Thank you!" to those people who participated and sent in their votes.

### **2005 – 2007 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP):**

On October 15, 2007 County Offices began taking applications for the 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program. The 2005-2007 CDP program provided disaster assistance to those insured producers who suffered a crop loss in any one crop year 2005 through February 28, 2007. **READ THE FOLLOWING CLOSELY:** In January of 2008 the provisions of the CDP program restricting 2007 losses to crops planted prior to February 28, 2007 *were dropped and the program was expanded to include all 2007 crops!* But remember...producers must have had crop insurance at the time of the disaster. At this time a deadline has not been established to apply for this program.

If you are a producer who filed prior to the "expanded" program, it is possible the most beneficial year selected for crop disaster payments may now be the 2007 crop year. It is important that you determine if you suffered an insured loss for the crop year 2007 and if so, to revisit the FSA Office to apply for the new or additional losses to correctly calculate your payment.

Please call the office to determine if you qualify for the program, and if so, set up an appointment to sign the necessary paperwork.

### **2008 FARM BILL:**

At this point and time, Washington D.C. does not have a new Farm Bill in place. When the Farm Bill is passed and approved by the President, we will inform producers through newsletters, informational mailings and radio spots of the new programs and sign-up dates. **It is very important** to watch for this information!



**HOWEVER...**the County Office is still performing farm record changes. Changes include, but are not limited to: land that has been bought or sold, land no longer being rented, new land being rented, deceased land owners, land being taken out of production, house lots, etc. Changes also include switching your farm operation to a corporation, LLC, partnership; switching members of an entity (adding or deleting members); change of address; and/or change of Direct Deposit. If there are any changes in your farming operation, **PLEASE** take time to come into the County Office and make those changes **NOW!** It is the perfect time to get these changes made, so please do not procrastinate...it will make signing into the new programs much easier on everyone!!

### **FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE:**

Any foreign person who acquires, holds or transfers any interest (other than security) in agricultural land must submit a completed form FSA-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture no later than 90 days after the date of acquisition or transfer. Failure to report could result in civil penalties up to 25% of the property's fair market value. Form FSA-153 is available at the local FSA county office or at USDA's eForms website <http://www.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

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The Huron County FSA Office will be closed on the following holidays:

*Feb. 18- Presidents Day*  
*May 26- Memorial Day*  
*July 4- Independence Day*  
*Sept. 1- Labor Day*  
*Oct. 13- Columbus Day*  
*Nov. 11- Veterans Day*  
*Nov. 27- Thanksgiving Day*  
*Dec. 25- Christmas Day*

Dates to Remember:

*March 31 – Final date for 2007 Wheat loans*  
*May 31 – Final date for 2007 Corn & Soybean loans*  
*June 30 - Acreage reports due for fall seeded crops*  
*July 15 - Acreage reports due for Spring seeded crops*



### **DIRECT DEPOSIT CHANGES:**

If you change the financial institution or account in which you would like your payments deposited, please report these changes to this office right away. We rely on you to keep this information current in our office. We do not want your **payments delayed** by being sent to an account which is no longer valid.

### **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:**

Any person who is convicted under federal or state law of a controlled substance violation could be ineligible for USDA payments or benefits. Violations include planting, harvesting or growing a prohibited plant. Prohibited plants include marijuana, opium poppies and other drug producing plants

### **SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS:**

Special accommodations will be made for the physically impaired, visually or hearing impaired upon request. If accommodations are required, contact Kay Lumsden, County Executive Director at (989) 269-9549, ext.2.

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