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County Committee

meets
Third Thursday of the
month.

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Dairy Disaster Aid Program, (DDAP-III)

DDAP-III will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters.

Payment will be calculated by multiplying the eligible pounds by the average price received for commercial milk production in the affected areas during the disaster for 2005 and 2006, and for the months of January and February 2007. If the total amount of funding (less any reserve established for disputed claims) is insufficient to compensate eligible producers for losses, then the USDA will pay losses in two levels in an effort to more equitably distribute the limited funds and maximize the effectiveness of the program.

USDA provides more information on proposed DDAP-III provisions in a fact sheet posted online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Proof of Production and Losses For DDAP-III

For DDAP-III, producers must provide satisfactory production evidence for the claim period (Jan. 2, 2005 – Feb. 27, 2007). This will enable FSA to determine commercial marketing and production history of the dairy operation.

A dairy producer must:

- ❖ Provide dairy herd inventory records (the number of cows) for the operation during the calendar year in which the disaster declaration was issued. A producer must prove that losses occurred in an eligible county during the eligible claim period. FSA may request additional documentation to verify production losses.
- ❖ Provide a history of commercial production marketing, including production marketed during the claim period.
- ❖ Base proof of the dairy operation's production history on milk marketing statements obtained from the dairy operation's milk handler or marketing cooperative. Supporting documents may include , but are not limited to: tank records, milk handler records, daily milk marketing's, copies of any payments received from other sources for production losses, or any other documents available to confirm or adjust the production history losses.

Spoiled or dumped milk must be counted as production during the relevant claim period. FSA may adjust production losses during the disaster period if the agency determines that the disaster did not cause the losses. If a producer presents unsatisfactory production evidence, FSA may deny benefits. In addition, FSA county committees will determine production losses that are not disaster related and adjust calculated losses accordingly.

Foreign Buyers Notification

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. Foreign persons who have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA report could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

Direct Deposit Information

Notify the Farm Service Agency if there is a change to your account that will receive an FSA direct deposit payment. When an account is closed and FSA is not notified in advance, your payment will be delayed until updated deposit information can be processed.

2008 Tobacco Transition Payment Program (TTPP)

2008 is the fourth year of payments for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program, (TTPP). These payments are scheduled to be issued in mid January.

Phone Numbers

<u>Farm Service Agency</u>	<u>606-387-5976</u>
<u>FSA Ag-Credit (farm loans)</u>	<u>606-348-8469</u>
Natural Resource Conservation Service(NRCS)	606-387-5196
<u>Cooperative Ext. Service</u>	<u>606-387-5404</u>

911 Address Changes

Due to the recent change to the 911 addresses we are going to need your help in getting your addresses updated. By now most of you should have received in the mail a letter telling you your new address; we ask that you come in with your new address so we can update your information in our system. If you bring your notice of address change with you at that time we can be sure to get the correct address for you.

Clinton County COC Welcomes New Member

The 2008 Clinton County COC is proud to welcome Norma Jean Hunter as our newest COC member. She is replacing Mitsue York in representing LAA II. Mitsue York will continue to serve as first alternate for LAA II.

Farm Record Change

If you have sold or bought land, changed tenants, or rented additional land for 2008, please notify your local FSA Office so farm records can be updated.

For land purchased:

- ✓ A copy of the deed is required.
- ✓ All landowners must furnish their tax id number.