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Clinton County News

**Clinton County
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County Committee meets
2nd Thursday of every
month at 8:45am.

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Continuous CRP: A Work In Progress.

While the CRP program has been in existence for many years, Continuous CRP opens the door to many more farmers here in Clinton Co. One of those farmers is Soil Conservation District Supervisor Greg Abston.



In this photo we see the fence installed to exclude livestock from the area to be planted in trees.

Continuous CRP has opened the door to pasture land that previously was not eligible for CRP. Now livestock producers can take advantage of programs similar to those only available to crop producers. With the Marginal Pasture Land provision, livestock producers can receive a 50% cost share payment, plus an annual rental payment, and sign up incentive payments. The cost share includes the cost of fencing, site preparation, materials costs, and labor.

Marginal pasture land is land that is currently being pastured that is bordered by a stream with water flowing for at least part of the year but more than just during and/or after a rain or contains a sinkhole.



This photo shows a pipe and tank nearly complete and ready for use.

The programs main application is through a riparian buffer. A riparian buffer is a vegetated strip immediately adjacent to a water body. The primary function of buffers is to protect the receiving water from sediment and pollutants derived from upstream areas. In most instances the buffer will be of trees planted by the farmer that is then fenced off to prevent livestock access to the water body.

The program was developed to help improve water quality while helping ecosystem balance by improving wildlife habitat and controlling soil loss. It also helps remedy the low economic productivity of the acreage enrolled through annual rental rates and exclusion of those acres from production costs.



This photo shows a fence excluding livestock from a riparian buffer.



MILCX UPDATE

So far this year our producer participation in the MILCX program has been excellent. Unfortunately for the milk producers of our county, with milk prices being low they needed our help. So far for the year we have disbursed \$26,280.16. As a note of reminder to all of our producers enlisted in the MILCX program, we can accept production via fax, mail, and in person.

MILCX RATES

Year	Month	Rates (\$/cwt)
2005	October	\$0.0000000
2005	November	\$0.0000000
2005	December	\$0.0408000
2006	January	\$0.1054000
2006	February	\$0.1054000
2006	March	\$0.4080000
2006	April	\$0.8398000
2006	May	\$0.9248000
2006	June	\$0.9996000
2006	July	\$0.7990000
2006	August	\$0.9248000
2006	September	\$0.9656000
2006	October	\$0.4318000

PLEASE REPORT ALL LAND BOUGHT AND SOLD



In order for us at the FSA to help guarantee you of your eligibility to enroll in our programs. We need to be sure that all records for you and your property are correct and current.

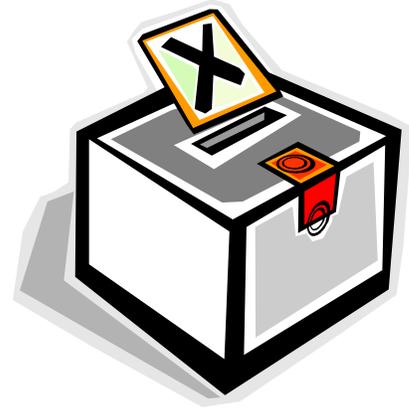
If you have bought or sold land, changed tenants, or rented additional land, please notify the Clinton Co. FSA office so farm records can be updated.

For land purchased:

- A copy of the deed is required.
- All land owners must furnish their tax ID numbers.

Change of address must be reported to the Clinton Co FSA Office.

COC ELECTIONS ARE HERE AGAIN



It is now time to elect a new County Office Committee member for LLA 1. It is now time to elect a new representative for that community.

The candidates for the election are: Robert P Boles and Perry Hay. Either candidate would be a valuable addition to the County Office Committee. Please be sure to vote.

Dates to Remember	
Oct 2006	2006 DCP payments will be issued.
Oct 2006	CRP Annual Payments will be paid.
Nov 3, 2006	Ballots Mailed to eligible voters.
Dec 4, 2006	Last day to return voted and signed ballots to the FSA office.
Jan 1, 2007	Elected Committee member and alternate take office