



# Lee/Owsley County News

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**County Committee**  
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Chairman  
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**Members:**  
James Price  
Larry Tincher  
Tommy Wilson

**County Committee meets**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of  
Month  
9AM -12:30 PM

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## County Committee Election

The County Committee held its annual election for Lee and Owsley Counties. Larry Tincher will be serving as the County Committee Member LAA-5 for Lee County. Tommy Wilson will serve as county Committee Member for LAA-2 in Owsley County. These members will serve a three year term.

## DIRECT DEPOSIT PAYMENTS

In order for 2008 payments to be issued timely and efficiently all who receive payment are asked to bring any new banking information to the county office.

## CROP DISASTER

On December 26, 2007, the President signed into law the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act).

The 2008 Act amended the February 28, 2007, date and allows for all crops planted for the 2007 crop year to be included for loss purposes under CDP. Similarly, under LIP and LCP, the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to December 31, 2007.

### **Who is Eligible to Apply?**

Only producers who obtained Crop Insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits.

### **Eligible Crops:**

Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP. Losses on crops intended for grazing are not eligible. Eligible causes of loss are: adverse weather, weather-related insect and disease infestation, drought, and water rationing. A crop may be eligible for CDP if damaging weather prevented the crop from being planted or adversely affected the quantity and/or quality of the production.

## PAYMENT LIMITATION

Producers are reminded to update their 2008 Eligibility Papers if they have had significant changes since 2007 in their farming operation.

## TOBACCO TRANSITION PAYMENT PROGRAM (TTPP)

2008 Annual Payments will begin in January 2008

The TTPP, also called the "tobacco buy-out," helps tobacco quota holders and producers transition to the free market. The Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004, signed by President Bush on Oct. 22, 2004, ended the Depression-era tobacco quota program and established the TTPP. The program provides annual transitional payments for 10 years to eligible tobacco quota holders and producers. Payments began in 2005 and continue through 2014. Payments are funded through assessments of approximately \$10 billion on tobacco product manufacturers and importers.

## Livestock Compensation Program

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LCP compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Eligibility requirements for LCP have been determined that a producer must be in a primary (or contiguous) disaster county declared by the Secretary or President between January 1, 2005 and February 28, 2007 or must be in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice that is directly associated to a disaster declaration made by the President. Producers who owned livestock in CY2005 may be eligible for LCP since every county in the State of Kentucky was either declared a primary or contiguous disaster county. Counties are eligible for CY2007. Keep in mind that producers may only receive benefits for one year.