



Wayne County News

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Monday - Friday
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County Committee

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County Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month.

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COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

The recent County Committee Election in Wayne County was held to elect a Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1. The results were Karen B Burnett, County Committee Member, Paul Flynn, First Alternate, and Ralph Laws, Second Alternate. During the January 8, 2008 meeting, the current COC members elected Karen Burnett as chairperson and Jimmy Martin as vice-chairperson for the 2008 year. Shelby Bertram is the third member of the 2008 County Committee.

AGRICULTURAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT ACT (AFIDA)

AFIDA requires any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land to submit a completed FSA-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than 90 days after the date of acquisition or transfer of held interest. If the Secretary of Agriculture determines a foreign person with an agricultural land interest did not submit a FSA-153, or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading, or false, such person is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of the land on the date the penalty is assessed.

DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Notify the Farm Service Agency if there is a change in an 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.

ENHANCED 911 ADDRESS CHANGES

Addresses are being changed due to the enhanced 911 service being implemented. Please come by and update your record at the FSA any time your address changes.

FARM LOANS

FSA makes and guarantees loans to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private commercial credit. Under the *Guaranteed Loan Program*, FSA guarantees loans made by commercial agricultural lenders up to 95 percent of any loss.

DIRECT FARM OPERATING LOANS may be used for normal operating expenses, machinery and equipment, cattle, real estate repairs, and refinancing debt. The limit on a Direct Farm Operating Loan is \$200,000.

DIRECT FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS may be used for purchase of farmland, construction or repair of buildings, and other fixtures, and to promote soil and water conservation. The maximum amount for a Direct Farm Ownership Loan is \$200,000.

YOUTH LOANS can assist rural youth in establishing and operating an income producing project that is agricultural related, such as crops, or purchase of cattle or equipment. Participants must be between 10 and 20 years old, must have the permission of their parents, and the recommendation and oversight of a project advisor. Loan maximum is \$5,000, per person for up to seven years.

EMERGENCY LOANS help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters. Wayne County farmers are eligible for low interest Emergency Loans provided eligibility requirements are met for two disasters that occurred in 2007. The first declaration was on June 15, 2007 due to damages and losses caused by extremely cold temperatures that occurred from April 4, 2007 through April 11, 2007. The second declaration was on October 1, 2007 due to drought conditions and higher than normal temperatures that occurred on February 1, 2007, and continuing. EM loan applications for physical and production losses will be received for eight months from the date of the declaration. Farmers interested in applying for assistance should contact the Farm Loan Team.

NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

NAP covers non-insurable crop losses and planting prevented by disasters. Landowners, tenants, or sharecroppers who share in the risk of producing an eligible crop may qualify for this program. Eligible crops include commercial crops and other agricultural commodities produced for food, including livestock feed or fiber for which the catastrophic level of crop insurance is unavailable. Also eligible for NAP coverage are controlled environment crops, specialty crops, and value loss crops. NAP coverage is available at local FSA offices. **NAP Signup deadlines are March 1st for Haying and Grazing, and March 15th for Alfalfa and Spring Planted Vegetables.**

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 USDA will pay losses at 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.

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. Tobacco producers or quota holders may access CCC-1099 information related to the tobacco buyout program on the Financial Inquiries web site. They must register through USDA's eAuthentication registration process and obtain an account with level 2 access at the following web address:

<https://app.eauth.egov.usda.gov/AccountServices/MainPages/eauthAbout.aspx>

****IMPORTANT**DOES YOUR CONSERVATION PLAN NEED UPDATING?**

Producers who no-till crops need to ensure they have a current conservation plan with Natural Resource Conservation Service, (NRCS). No-tilled fields must be listed on the conservation plan; otherwise the farm is out of compliance and ineligible to participate in FSA and NRCS programs. Producers may check the status of their current conservation plan with NRCS. If a new plan is required, producers must sign the conservation plan with NRCS.

PHONE NUMBERS

Farm Service Agency, (FSA):	(606)348-9383 or (606)348-9384
FSA Ag-Credit, (Farm Loans):	(606)348-8469
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):	(606)348-9385
Cooperative Extension Service:	(606)348-8453
Somerset Rural Development, (Housing Loans):	(606)678-4842, Ext. 4