



APRIL 2008

# **Menominee, Dickinson, Iron County Newsletter**

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**ATTENTION  
IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT  
PARTICIPATION IN  
USDA FARM  
PROGRAMS  
ENCLOSED**



## **Dairy Disaster Assistance Payment Program (DDAP-III)**

This program will provide direct payment to eligible dairy producers who suffered production losses because of drought and extreme temperatures during 2005, 2006, and for 2007. Dairy producers may apply for any or all of the years 2005, 2006 or 2007 if production was down from their average of 2003 and 2004. To establish your average or base period you need to provide the average number of cows in your herd during the year (both milking & dry) along with your marketed production for the year. You will also need to provide this same data for the disaster year (s) for which benefits are being requested. Benefits will be earned if your yearly production average per cow for these years is less than your base period. Normal fluctuations in cow numbers because of cows being culled or heifers entering the milking herd will not require an adjustment by the County Committee. Adjustments in your production will be made for:

- Cow deaths not related to the natural disaster
- Dumped milk for reasons not related to the natural disaster
- Changes in management of the herd
- Cows added to offset production losses
- Dairy operations that go out of business

**The deadline to apply is Monday,  
May 5, 2008.**

Contact the office to schedule an appointment.

## **Sign Up Continues for Livestock Assistance & Crop Disaster**

Livestock Assistance Program covers pasture loss, increased feed costs and increased purchases due to natural disasters in 2005, 2006 & for 2007 (January 1 – February 28).

Crop Disaster covers crop loss due to natural disasters in 2005, 2006 & 2007. Crop disaster is available for any crop covered under a crop insurance policy or a NAP policy. NAP policy is available for purchase on any crop that crop insurance will not cover in your county.

**Please call or stop by and make an appointment to process your application/s.**

**If you applied early before 2007 was made available please contact us about your application/s for 2007. You may apply for all 3 years. Payment will be made on the year with the greatest loss.**

## **COC Meetings**

The Menominee Dickinson Iron County Committee meets monthly; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. All regular sessions are open to the public. Executive session meetings are closed to the public. Program applications and appeals are handled in executive session.

## **2008 Crop & Acreage Reporting**

If you produce just hay you are welcome to file your report now and avoid the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline & rush. Please call ahead for an appointment.

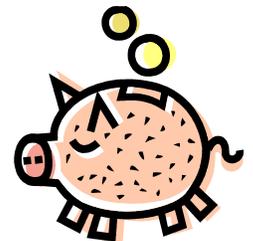
## **Attention NAP Policy Holders**

If you purchased a NAP policy on a crop for 2008 and suffer **ANY** damage due to weather such as winter kill on hay, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WITHIN 15 DAYS OF DAMAGE BECOMING EVIDENT AND FILE A NOTICE OF LOSS. Keep in mind that “new hay seedings” are not covered. The Federal Register states that “Benefits are not available on first year seedings of alfalfa and similar vegetation when production is not produced in the seeding year as determined by CCC”.



### **INTEREST RATES FOR APRIL 2008**

- 2.625 percent for Crop Year Commodity Loans
- 3.000 percent for Farm Storage Facility Loans
- 3.25 percent for Operating Loans
- 4.875 percent for Farm Ownership Loans
- 3.750 percent for Emergency Loan



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