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## Miami/Johnson County News

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#### Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Mi County Committee

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County Committee meets  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 9:00am

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County Committee meets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:00am

### JOHNSON COUNTY OFFICE MOVING

THE JOHNSON COUNTY FSA OFFICE WILL BE MOVING AND COMBINING WITH THE MIAMI COUNTY FSA OFFICE IN PAOLA. THE MOVE WILL BE HAPPENING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29. THE ADDRESS TO THE OFFICE IS 100 ANGELA, PAOLA. THE PHONE NUMBER WILL BE (913) 294-3751. HOURS WILL REMAIN THE SAME - 8:00 - 4:30 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. BELOW IS A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE MIAMI CO OFFICE. EXIT FROM SOUTH 169 HWY ONTO BAPTISTE DR. TURN RIGHT ONTO BAPTISTE DR TO PARK PLAZA AND KFC/TACO BELL. TURN LEFT, GO 1 BLOCK. OFFICE LOCATED ON RIGHT SIDE OF ANGELA STREET.



### 2007 COMMODITY LOAN PROVISIONS

Many producers use FSA's commodity loan program as a resource for short term financing. The grain used as collateral must be harvested, but can be either farm or warehouse stored. The following is an explanation of the basic loan provisions:

#### Common Provisions:

- \*The loan will mature 9 months following the month it is approved.
- \*The interest rate will be the rate in effect the month the loan is disbursed.
- \*A lien waiver must be provided should another lender have a security interest in the collateral.
- \*The loan rate per bushel will be the rate in the county where the grain is stored. The 2007 loan rates are listed in this newsletter.

#### Farm Stored Provisions:

- \*The loan quantity can be producer certified, or determined by FSA measurement service. There is a fee for measurement service.
- \*The borrower is responsible for maintaining the quantity and quality of the collateral while under loan.
- \*The facility in which the grain is stored must be capable of protecting the collateral.
- \*Permission must be obtained before the collateral is moved to another storage facility, fed, or delivered to a buyer.

#### Warehouse Stored Provisions:

- \*Receipts issued by the storing warehouse must be presented to secure the loan.
- \*The warehouse issuing the receipts must be approved by FSA.
- \*Storage must be prepaid through the maturity of the loan.

FSA commodity loans on 2007 grain can be obtained through March 31, 2008 (wheat, oats, barley) and May 31, 2008 (corn, soybeans, grain sorghum).

### 2007 LOAN RATES ANNOUNCED

The 2007 loan rates are as follows for Miami County: Wheat - \$3.02/bu, Corn - \$1.95/bu, Milo - \$3.35/cwt, and Soybeans - \$4.90/bu. The 2007 loan rates are as follows for Johnson County: Wheat - \$3.00/bu, Corn - \$1.96/bu, Milo - \$3.44/cwt, and Soybeans - \$4.94/bu.

### LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS

LCP—Livestock Compensation Program compensates livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan 1, 2005 and Feb 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster.

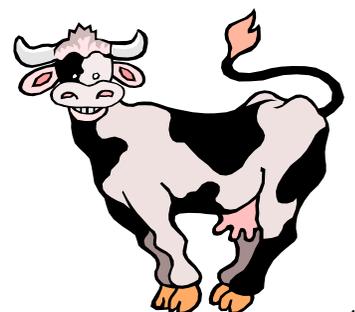
LIP—Livestock Indemnity Program compensates livestock producers for livestock losses occurring between Jan 1, 2005 and Feb 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster.

Signup starts September 10, 2007 for both of the livestock disaster programs. Contact the local FSA office for more details.

Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared Secretarial or Presidential disaster areas are eligible.

### FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOANS

Farm Storage Facility Loans are available to construct grain storage facilities. For more information contact your local FSA Office.



## Dates to Remember

Sept 10  
LCP and LIP signup starts

Sept 24  
ECP signup starts

Oct 1  
Final DCP payments will be made

Oct 1  
CRP payments will be made

Oct 8  
Office Closed  
Columbus Day

Oct 15  
Sign-up starts for CDP program

The week of Oct 29,  
Johnson County office moving

Nov 12  
Office Closed  
Veteran's Day

Nov 22  
Office Closed  
Thanksgiving Day

Dec 25  
Office Closed  
Christmas Day

## DISASTER PROGRAM SIGN-UP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced sign-up dates for the Crop Disaster Program. This program provides benefits to farmers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

### Crop Disaster Program (CDP)

\*Covers quantity and quality losses from natural disasters and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 and 2007 crops if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007.

\*Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006, or 2007 must choose only ONE year to receive benefits.

\*Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple crops if losses occurred in the same crop year.

\*Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for assistance.

\*Quantity losses must be in excess of 35 percent to be eligible. The payment rate is set at 42 percent of the established price.

\*Payment quantity for quality losses will be equal to the lesser of: (1) the actual production of the crop affected by a quality loss; or (2) the quantity of expected production of the crop affected by a quality loss.

\*The quality loss must be at least 25 percent of the value that all affected production of the crop would have had if the crop had not suffered a quality loss.

\*Assistance, along with crop insurance or NAP payment received for the same crop and including the value of crop production not lost, must not exceed 95 percent of total value of the crop absent the disaster.

### NEW LAA BOUNDARIES FOR COC

Due to the consolidations of the Johnson County FSA Office with the Miami County office, the local LAA boundaries were realigned to ensure fair representation in the multi-co jurisdiction. The new boundaries are South of 151<sup>st</sup>, East of Homestead will be LAA5. West of Homestead, North of 151<sup>st</sup> St will be LAA4. Eligible voters will have until Sept 20, 2007 to provide public comment.

## ECP SIGNUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 24

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding has been requested to provide assistance in repairing damage received from flooding in the area.

This program provides funding for farmers to rehabilitate farmland damaged from natural disasters in the recent year.

For a producer's land to be eligible, the disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would impair or endanger the land and affect its productive capacity. Conservation problems existing prior to the applicable disaster are ineligible for ECP assistance.

ECP gives producers additional resources to remove debris from farmland, restore fences and conservation structures and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. FSA state and county committees administer the program. Locally-elected county committees (COC) are authorized to implement ECP for all flood related damage. Eligible producers will receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost of the approved practice.

Under existing regulations, payments are limited to \$200,000 per "person" per disaster. Producers may apply for ECP funding through the local FSA service center.

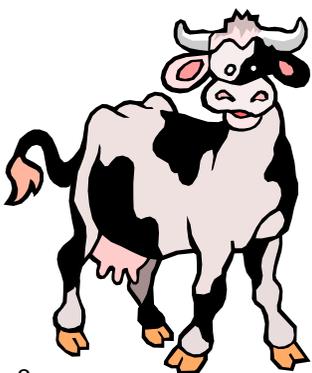
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