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Office Closure: The Tillamook/Clatsop County FSA Office was scheduled to close on January 28, 2008. This closure has been temporarily suspended. As a result of the pending office closure, I have accepted the position as County Executive Director (CED) in the Polk County FSA Office. I will be working in a shared management position between the Tillamook/Clatsop County FSA Office and the Polk County FSA Office. This will result in time being spent in both offices. Office days in each county has not been determined but as work load declines in Tillamook I will be spending more time in Polk County, making it more important to call and schedule an appointment. - Jim
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Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) – This program is designed to provide cost-share assistance to commercial agricultural producers as a result of natural disasters. The flooding in December has resulted in a number of farms sustaining damage.

The Tillamook/Clatsop County Committee has requested ECP funds from Washington D.C. to help with removing debris from farm lands, pasture seeding and restoring permanent fences. **Signup for ECP began February 8th and will end February 29th.** Funds are not currently available but you are encouraged to complete an application as soon as possible.

Emergency Loans Available - Farmers who suffered significant damage due to severe weather in 2007 may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency. These loans carry an interest rate of 3.75 percent. You have 8 months from the date of the Disaster Declaration to apply.

- Production Losses. Eligible farmers can also use emergency loan funds to recover losses on crops or agricultural production that were lost.
- Physical Losses. Eligible farmers can use emergency loan funds to repair or rebuild essential farm buildings, clean debris, and replace livestock, supplies, feed and equipment that may have been lost due to severe weather conditions.

DAIRY DISASTER ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM – This program will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters. This program compensates producers for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged containment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets. To be eligible for DDAP-III, dairy producers must have suffered losses in primary and contiguous counties declared or designated a natural disaster. Tillamook and Clatsop Counties was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures

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The Livestock Compensation Program 2005-2007 (LCP) provides benefits to livestock producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs **directly resulting from natural disasters** occurring between Jan.1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007. Producers in primary or contiguous counties declared secretarial disaster areas or counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, are eligible. During this period Tillamook and Clatsop was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

The Livestock Indemnity Program 2005-2007 (LIP) provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths caused by natural disasters that occurred between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007. During this period Tillamook and Clatsop Counties was either the primary or contiguous county on the following types of declared disasters: Severe Storms, Excessive Moisture, Winter Storms, High Winds, and Below Normal Temperatures.

If you think these programs may apply to you, please contact our office. Keep in mind the disaster condition has to have directly caused your loss. No deadline has been set to sign-up for this program.

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