

Indiana NRCS

Update on Flooding Disaster

June 23, 2008

Summary of Damage:

- Eleven more counties added to the list of Federal Disaster Areas designated by the President, for a total of 37 affected counties.
- According to USDA NASS, nine percent of Indiana's corn crops and nine percent of Indiana's soybean crops were flooded.
- Minimal damage to Indiana livestock reported.



Local USDA Service Center Relocates:

- Columbus USDA Service Center employees set up a temporary duty station at North Vernon Service Center. Details were provided in a local news release.



Impact to NRCS:

- To date, IN is requesting \$5 million in exigency Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), \$15 million in non-exigency EWP, and \$6 million for the flood-plain easements.
- To date, 36 Emergency Watershed Protection 'exigency' requests have been submitted from the field for \$1.23 million.
- State Conservationist Jane Hardisty participated with other IN agriculture leaders in a press conference held June 19 to give an overview on the impact of the disaster on agriculture, and provide information on available programs and services.
- NRCS staff are coordinating closely with FSA to assist farmers with conservation damages through NRCS programs and through FSA's Emergency Conservation Program.
- NRCS will participate in Ag Forums for farmers to be held June 23 in North Vernon, June 24 in Bicknell and June 25 in Martinsville.



(Above: Jane Hardisty speaks to reporters at a multi-agency press confer-

