

## 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.



## <u>Local USDA Service Center Relocates:</u>

• 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:**

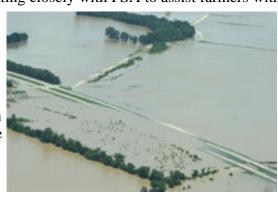
- To date, IN is requesting \$5 million in exigency Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), \$15 million in non-exigency EWP, and \$6 million for the floodplain easements.
- To date, 36 Emergency Watershed Protection 'exigency' requests have been submitted from the field for \$1.23 million.
- State Conservationist 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 re-

porters at a multi-agency press confer-

