

MULTI-NEWS

Rural Development Program News for the MFH Professional

Iowa – July 2011

UPDATED INCOME LIMITS effective July 2, 2011

Check them out at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HSF-Direct_Income_Limits.html.

SELF EVALUATIONS & TRANSITION PLANS by July 31, 2011

In 2010, a Management Control Review, an internal review, was conducted across the nation of the MFH program. The leading weakness involved the lack of knowledge concerning the requirement to conduct self-evaluations and transition plans in order to be in compliance. Seventy percent (70%) of the borrowers reviewed did not either have a self-evaluation plan on file or a transition plan or what they provided was not adequate.

A letter regarding this issue was sent to all managers and owners of Iowa Rural Development financed multi-family housing units last April. The following borrowers must conduct self-evaluations and develop transition plans:

- Borrowers of projects ready for occupancy on or before June 10, 1982.
- Borrowers of projects ready for occupancy after June 10, 1982, in noncompliance.

Please provide copies of the documentation completed. *If not completed, please provide explanation.*

All documentation should be sent to the Area Office serving the project to be received no later than July 31, 2011. A copy of the complete letter is attached.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS • August 30, 2011 • Budget Roundtable Webinar

Registration information will be sent out approximately 2 weeks prior. Please let us know now of any questions or issues for discussion that day!

RESERVE REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ACCORDING TO CNA'S

Rural Development offices are required to track improvements as required by Capital Needs Assessments (CNA). Please indicate if a job is meeting a CNA requirement when sending in reserve requests.

NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE (NOFA)

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- ✓ Sections 514, 515 & 516 MFH Revitalization Demonstration Program (MPR) for FY 2011
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-07/pdf/2011-17107.pdf>
- ✓ Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans & Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for FY 2011
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-07/pdf/2011-17110.pdf>
- ✓ Section 533 Housing Preservation Grants for Fiscal Year 2011
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-07/pdf/2011-17109.pdf>

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- ✓ Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program for New Construction or Purchase and Rehabilitation of Existing Rural Multi-Family Properties in Fiscal Year 2011
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-07-13/pdf/2011-17530.pdf>

INFORMATION ABOUT FILING CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE USDA IS AVAILABLE TO WOMEN FARMERS AND HISPANIC FARMERS

Women farmers and Hispanic farmers who believe they were improperly denied farm loan benefits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) between 1981 and 2000 because they were female or Hispanic may be eligible to apply for compensation.

The first step in determining a farmer's eligibility for compensation through claims of discrimination against the USDA is to request a claims package. Packages may be obtained by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov or by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 888-508-4429.

Those who believe they have a claim should contact a lawyer or other legal services provider in their community if they have legal questions. The USDA cannot provide legal advice.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 11 - 21, 2011 • Come visit us at the Iowa State Fair • Ag Building USDA Booth

August 30, 2011 • 9 am to Noon • Budgets for Managers & Owners Webinar

September 5, 2011 • RD Offices Closed for Labor Day

USEFUL INFO

USDA, Rural Development www.rurdev.usda.gov

MFH Management website http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia/rhs_mfh_management.html

AREA OFFICES

Iowa Falls - 641-648-5181

Waverly - 319-352-1715

Tipton - 563-886-6006

Mt. Pleasant - 319-986-5800

Albia - 641-932-3031

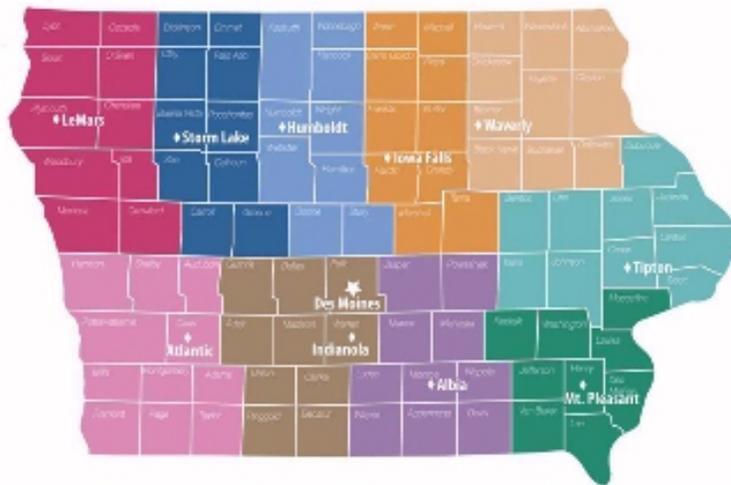
Indianola - 515-961-5365

Atlantic - 712-243-2107

Le Mars - 712-546-5149

Storm Lake - 712-732-1851

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