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EMERGENCY FOOD STAMPS AVAILABLE IN 14 ADDITIONAL COUNTIES FOR VICTIMS OF FLOODING

RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY DISASTER MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE

INDIANAPOLIS (June 16, 2008) - Today the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) announced that they have received additional approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue emergency food stamps to residents of Adams, Brown, Clay, Daviess, Dearborn, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Jennings, Know, Owen, Rush, Shelby and Sullivan counties who suffered major losses in this month's flooding. Approval for these counties comes in addition to that granted last week for Marion, Johnson, Hancock, Bartholomew, Morgan, Monroe, Vigo and Vermillion counties. The Disaster Food Stamp Program (DFSP) may apply to county residents who were affected by the disaster, including people not currently receiving state assistance.

"By extending the Disaster Food Stamp Program to these additional counties, we will be able to alleviate some of the losses caused by these disasters," said FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob. "This program will allow Hoosiers who are not normally eligible for food stamps to receive assistance if they are facing significant loss."

Emergency Food Stamps may be used to purchase bottled water for those who are concerned about contaminated water supply. Families will have seven days to apply beginning June 17, 2008. The benefit period extends from June 6 through July 5, 2008. When applying, applicants should bring a state driver's license or other form of identification, such as work or school ID, birth certificate, wage stub and a document that verifies their home address. Applicants may be asked for their Social Security Number as well. Please note, persons who purposely provide wrong information on a food stamp application may be denied food stamps and legal action may be taken. For further details on eligibility or to submit your application, contact your local county Office of Family Resources, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or various One-Stop Disaster Assistance Centers, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Locations where victims may apply for DFSP include:

Adams County Division of Family Resources

141 N. 1st Street

Decatur, IN 46733

Telephone Number: (260) 724-3418

Brown County Division of Family Resources

121 Locust Lane

Nashville, IN 47448

Telephone Number: (812) 988-2239

Clay County Division of Family Resources

1015 E. National Ave.

Brazil, IN 47834

Telephone Number: (812) 442-5069

Daviess County Division of Family Resources

714 West Walnut Street

Washington, IN 47501

Telephone Number: (765) 668-5348

Dearborn County Division of Family Resources

230 Mary Street, Suite 150

Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Telephone Number: (812) 537-5131

Greene County Division of Family Resources

104 County Road 70 E, Suite B

Bloomfield, IN 47424

Telephone Number: (812) 384-0230

Henry County Division of Family Resources

1416 Broad St., 2nd Floor

New Castle, IN 47362

Telephone Number: (765) 529-3450

Jackson County Division of Family Resources

1406 East Tipton Street

Seymour, IN 47274

Telephone Number: (765) 668-5351

Jennings County Division of Family Resources

1171 N. State Street

North Vernon, IN 47265

Telephone Number: (812) 346-8532

Knox County Division of Family Resources

1001 Washington Avenue

Vincennes, IN 47591

Telephone Number: (765) 668-5352

Owen County Division of Family Resources

450 E. Franklin St., Ste. B

Spencer, IN 47460-1824

Telephone Number: (812) 829-1585

Rush County Division of Family Resources

1340 N. Cherry

Rushville, IN 46173

Telephone Number: (765) 932-2392

Shelby County Division of Family Resources

2565 Parkway Dr, Suite 2

Shelbyville, IN 46176-8677

Telephone Number: (317) 392-5040

Sullivan County Division of Family Resources

128 S. State Street, Ste. B

Sullivan, IN 47882

Telephone Number: (812) 268-3875

One-stop Disaster Assistance Centers:

Northside Middle School

1400 27th Street

Columbus, IN

Poston Road Elementary School

139 East Poston Road

Martinsville, IN

Booker T. Washington Community Center

1101 S. 13th Street

Terre Haute, IN

Community Alliance/Far E/Side *(CAF)*

8902 E. 38th St.

Indianapolis, IN 46236

Franklin College Johnson Fine Arts Center

211 Branigin Blvd

Franklin, IN 46131

Spencer Elementary School

151 Hillside Ave

Spencer, IN 47460

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