

Indiana NRCS

Update on Flooding Disaster

July 7, 2008



Summary of Damage:

- A total of 44 counties have been declared Federal Disaster Areas by the President.



Impact to NRCS:

- To date, IN is requesting \$2.5 million in exigency Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), \$15 million in non-exigency EWP, and \$6 million for the floodplain easements.
- To date, 44 Emergency Watershed Protection exigency requests have been submitted from the field for \$2.23 million.
- NRCS staff are working closely with FSA to assist farmers through USDA assistance programs.

- In some areas, rainfall was almost double the amount that would be considered a 100-year event.
- Levees, designed to protect farmland from 100-year storms, were breached throughout the state, carving out deep depressions and depositing sand bars in fields.
- Many farms have lost from six to nine inches of topsoil in vast areas.
- Many fields have had tons of sand deposited on their land.
- Some rivers and streams have changed their course, cutting new channels.

