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APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

SOYBEAN MARKETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE:
James Wilson of Yale succeeds James Domagalski to represent district 4 growers for a term expiring September 23, 2009. The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

*~The Declaration of Independence
July 4, 1776*



2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

▪ No Session, Summer Recess

SENATE

▪ No Session, Summer Recess

USDA has announced a new Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

By Pat Turkington, Chief Price Support Specialist, Michigan State Farm Service Agency

The 2008 Farm Bill created 5 new disaster programs, 1 of which is LIP. LIP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers on farms that have incurred livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, because of adverse weather, such as blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

The Michigan State Farm Service Committee (STC) must set normal mortality percentage rates for Michigan by 7-10-09. We must set one rate for the entire state for all animals listed on the attached sheet unless there are circumstances within a specific geographic location within the State that would result in substantially higher mortality rates than the rest of the State.

Since there is such a wide range of livestock listed I am requesting your assistance in complying recommendations for the STC in determining normal mortality rates. If you could supply me with any documentation or just your input it would be greatly appreciated. You may contact me by e-mail, telephone, or fax my deadline is 7-10-09.

Thank you in advance.

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White To Head Farm Service Agency

It was announced on June 30, 2009 that Racing Commissioner Christine White has been appointed Michigan director of the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Ms. White will serve her last day in charge of the state's horse racing industry on Friday.

The post puts her in charge of various federal agricultural economic development programs in the state, including loan programs. Ms. White first held this post from 1995 to 2000.

January of 2005 she was first appointed as acting racing commissioner, becoming full commissioner in August of 2005 after losing a bid to become director of the Department of Agriculture.

Megan Brown, spokesperson for Governor Jennifer Granholm, said the administration would appoint an interim commissioner, but did not know when that appointment would be announced.

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