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REMINDER: Disaster program to help Ward County residents with food costs ends July 13

BISMARCK, N.D. – July 13 is the last day that Ward County residents who experienced disaster-related losses and lived or worked in the county at the time of the flood disaster can apply for extra one-time help purchasing food. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which started July 5, ends at 5 p.m. on July 13.

As of Friday, July 8, 2011, 217 households with 576 persons had qualified for an average of \$458 in food assistance benefits. People need to apply at Ward County Social Services Office at 400 22nd Ave. NW in Minot, or at any other county social service offices if they evacuated to other counties.

To determine who qualifies, county staff will look at a family's net income and any resources they can easily access like cash on-hand, checking, and savings. After that is determined, officials can deduct any flood-related expenses to see if a household meets the qualifying income limits.

Income limits and additional details are online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/news/2011/7-5-dsnap-flyer-ward-county.pdf>

A qualifying family of three can receive up to \$526 toward the purchase of groceries or other qualifying food products including hot foods at USDA approved food stores.

People should bring this information to the county social service office:

- Photo ID, utility bill or other mail with identifying information and address, or signed statement of identity provided by another person;
- If available, current paycheck stubs and receipts for disaster expenses.

Individuals are encouraged to act quickly. Those with questions can contact Ward County Social Service Office at 701-852-3552, or the N.D. Department of Human Services at 1-800-755-2716 or 701-328-2328.

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