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Disaster Food Assistance Program Open in Five Counties *Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP)*

JACKSON-The Mississippi Department of Human Services has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, to provide food assistance in the form of a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the following Mississippi Counties: Attala, Choctaw, Holmes, Warren and Yazoo. The program is open to individuals not normally eligible for SNAP, but were affected by the April 24 storms.

Residents of the affected areas of these counties who are not currently receiving SNAP benefits may qualify for temporary assistance for a one month period if their home was damaged or destroyed or they have disaster related expenses or food loss as a result of the April 24 storm. Eligibility is based on available income and resources less a standard disaster deduction.

Those applying for DSNAP assistance will be asked to provide their driver's license or picture identification along with proof of residency, such as a utility bill, and the social security numbers and dates of birth for all members of their household. Applicants should apply in the county where they reside.

DSNAP DATES – TIMES – LOCATIONS

DSNAP application sites will operate for five days.

Wednesday, May 5- Friday, May 7; 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

*Saturday, May 8, 8 a.m. - noon.

Monday, May 10, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

County Locations:

Attala County DHS, 717 Fairground Road, Kosciusko

Choctaw County Community Center, 895 North College Street, Ackerman

**For Choctaw County, on Saturday, May 8th, the DSNAP application site will move to the Choctaw County DHS at 223 West Main Street, Ackerman. Monday, the Choctaw County DSNAP Site will return to the Choctaw County Community Center.*

- Holmes County Bank Annex Building, 110 Oak Street (behind main bank), Lexington
- Warren County DHS, 1316 Openwood Street, Vicksburg
- Yazoo County DHS, 1315 Grady Avenue, Yazoo City

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Current SNAP recipients in the above listed counties who live in the areas affected by the April 24, 2010 storm may be eligible for replacement benefits due to food loss. These recipients will need to declare their loss at their county DHS office no later than May 14, 2010.

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