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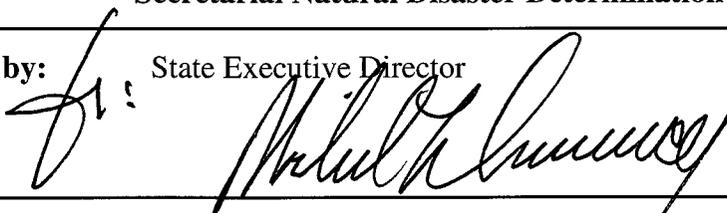
ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-120

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1840

Approved by:

State Executive Director



1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective November 21, 2003, the following county in Arkansas was designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from September 1, 2003, through September 8, 2003.

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Disposal

Distribution

January 1, 2005

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Craighead	Independence	Randolph
Greene	Jackson	Sharp

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through July 21, 2004, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1840.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is September 1, 2003.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

File in chronological order preceding 3-FLP.

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Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., November 21, 2003 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved the following county to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred from September 1, 2003, through September 8, 2003.

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In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

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Farmers in the disaster area's have until July 21, 2004 to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.

