UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-95

For: County Offices

Presidential Emergency Declaration EM3172, Amendment #1

Approved by: State Executive Director

1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Federal disaster assistance, including 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 February 21, 2003, President Bush amended this declaration to include additional parishes in Louisiana for Federal Disaster assistance. This action is based on damages and losses caused by the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia that occurred on February 1, 2003.

Disposal	Distribution
April 1, 2004	All County Offices

2 Action (Continued)

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

Ashley Chicot Columbia Union

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through October 21, 2003, 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 EM3172.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is February 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

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

Exhibit 1

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Louisiana Parishes and Arkansas Counties Eligible For Federal Disaster Assistance

Washington, D. C., February 21, 2003-- President Bush named Louisiana parishes eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) based on damages and losses caused by the Loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

In addition to the Louisiana parishes named as primary disaster areas the following Arkansas counties are also eligible, because they are contiguous:

Ashley Chicot Columbia Union

Farmers in the disaster area's have until October 21, 2003 to apply for the assistance to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered a physical loss or 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.