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Laclede/Camden/Pulaski FSA

**Laclede Camden
Pulaski County
USDA Service Center**

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Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee
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County Committee meets
2nd Thursday at 9:00am

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EMERGENCY CONSERVATION Ice storm DEBRIS REMOVAL AND FENCING

The Emergency Conservation Program for debris removal and fence replacement has been approved for Laclede, Camden and Pulaski County. Funding from the National Farm Service Agency Office has not been received. Funds may be used to remove debris from fields and fences and to replace fences that were destroyed by debris. Fences that can be repaired are not covered. Cost share for fences will depend on the age and type of fence. The fences must be necessary to hold livestock. Cost share will be the up to 75% and will be the minimum to return the area to agricultural use. Timber, roads, farmstead etc. are not eligible for cost share, only agricultural land.

The Local office is accepting applications. Producers need to call and schedule an appointment and have at least the following information available: Landlord name and lease terms for any rented land, a blank check for direct deposit and copy of proof of ownership if the have not previously provided this information. A representative from Farm Service Agency will make a visit to each farm to assess eligibility. Producers will not re-

ceive payments until all of the following are complete: Complete an application packet with supporting information, visit by FSA for eligibility, producer performs work or has work completed, turn in tickets for work and certify completion, National Office provides funding and the Locally Elected Farm Service Agency committee approves the payment.

Actions taken before application are not eligible for cost share. Eligible cost must exceed \$1000 per farm to receive assistance.

I expect signup to be very heavy and ask for producers to be patient as we have limited staff. Office hours are Monday to Friday 7:30 to 4:30. The Deadline to sign up will likely be March 24.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment contact the local office.

Annual DCP Enrollment

To participate in DCP, producers are required to **designate shares and sign the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Contract (CCC-509) on a yearly basis.** The annual DCP sign-up period runs from October 1 to June 1 of the applicable program year. To be considered enrolled timely, the CCC-509 must be submitted by June 1 of the applicable program year. In cases where a farm is reconstituted, all resulting farms will need to enroll (signatures obtained) if the producers intend to participate. CCC-509s with signatures obtained after June 1, but by September 30, will be accepted, but the farm will be assessed a late-filed sign-up fee of \$100. All supporting documentation, such as CCC-502, AD-1026, and CCC-526, must be submitted before payments can be issued. Annual acreage reports indicating uses of all cropland on a farm must be filed by the applicable established reporting dates. Acreage reports filed after the applicable final reporting date may be accepted if all requirements are met and a late-filed fee is paid.

DCP payments are calculated by taking 85 percent of the base acres, multiplied by the farm yield, times the applicable payment rate, times the producer share. Producers may receive an advance of the direct payment, beginning on December 1 of the program year. Final direct payments will be made on or after October 1 following the contract period. Counter-cyclical payments may also be authorized for one or more covered commodities, depending on the projected and actual market prices. Producers may elect to receive up to two counter-cyclical payments per year: (1) the first partial payment, if any, is available after the first six months of the marketing year, and (2) final payment, if any, is made after the end of the marketing year for each eligible crop. Producers who do not elect to take the first advance payments will receive the entire counter-cyclical payment at the end of the marketing year. The amount of a counter-cyclical payment is dependent upon the aver-

age of the actual prices received by farmers during the marketing year.

Emergency Loans Available

Laclede Camden and Pulaski County farmers who suffered significant damage due to the recent ice and snow storms may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency if they are unable to get financing from any other source. These counties are not designated at this time but a request is pending. Contact Farm Loan Manager Mark Aycock at 417-468-2088 for more information. These loans carry an interest rate of 3.75 percent.

Production Losses. Eligible farmers can also use emergency loan funds to recover a portion of losses on growing crops that were destroyed.

Physical Losses. Eligible farmers can use emergency loan funds to repair or rebuild essential farm buildings, clean debris or prepare land for replanting, and to replace livestock, supplies and harvested crops on hand or in storage that were lost.

Loan applications will be accepted at your local FSA office.

CREP

Farmers in the part of the Big Piney Watershed in Southeast Pulaski County are able to take advantage of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a voluntary land retirement program that helps agricultural producers protect environmentally-sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. CREP will reimburse farmers for retiring their cropland or pastureland. Program participants will receive annual rental payments, cost-share assistance, and other financial incentives for a period of 14-15 years for installing and maintaining conservation practices. Only certain practices are eligible for the Missouri CREP. For a list of practices



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and eligibility requirements, contact your local FSA office.

Continuous CRP

The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program is a private lands environmental improvement program that allows participants the opportunity to enroll acreages in conservation practices that will reduce soil erosion, improve water and soil quality and provide wildlife habitat and food sources.

The Continuous CRP program is a voluntary enrollment program. Eligible landowners enter into contracts that range from 10 to 15 years in length. In return, the landowners will receive annual rental and maintenance payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost share for establishment.

To be eligible for enrollment in the Continuous CRP, participants and acreage must meet certain requirements. Provided the eligibility requirements are met, FSA will automatically accept enrollments of acreage into Continuous CRP. Landowners may enroll in the program at any time during the year.

For more information on Continuous CRP enrollments or local Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) availability, please contact your local FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/crpcont03.htm>.

Spousal Signatures

Husbands and wives may sign documents on behalf of each other for FSA and Commodity Credit Corporation programs in which either has an interest. This option is automatically available unless a written request for exclusion is made to the county office staff by either spouse.

There are exceptions to the rule. Spouses may not sign FSA-211s on behalf of each other or sign on behalf of the other as an authorized signatory for partnerships, joint ventures, corporations or other similar entities. Spouses must have a power of attorney on file or sign personally for claim settlements, such as

promissory notes, and on security documents for price support loans.

Individual signatures are also required on certain Farm Loan Program and Farm Storage Facility Loan documents.

A spouse's authority to sign documents on behalf of the other spouse does not entitle the spouse to review or receive agency records of the other spouse.

Loans for Beginning Farmers, Socially Disadvantaged

FSA is authorized to assist beginning farmers and or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agricultural enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through either direct or guaranteed loans. FSA defines a beginning farmer as a person whom:

- Has operated a farm for not more than 10 years
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training and financial management program sponsored by FSA
- Does not own a farm in excess of 30 percent of the county's average farm size.

Each member of an entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Loan approval is not guaranteed. Socially disadvantaged groups are Hispanics, American Indians, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women.



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Dates to Remember	
Feb 19	Office closed Presidents Day
March 15	Last Day for Non Assured Program
June 30	Crop reporting deadline fall seeded
July 31	Crop reporting deadline spring and perennial
June 1	DCP signup deadline
Continues	Farm Storage Facility Loans

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