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USDA Offers Low-Interest Loans for Agricultural Producers in Arkansas Impacted by Natural Disasters

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Emergency Support to Producers in Surrounding Counties/Border States Also Available

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, March 27, 2020 — Arkansas agricultural producers who lost property due to recent natural disasters may be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) physical loss loans. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers these low-interest loans to agricultural producers in **Ashley, Boone, Chicot, Drew, Franklin, Fulton, Logan, Lonoke, Marion, Mississippi, Perry and Searcy counties** who incurred losses due to excessive rain, flash flooding, high winds, lightning and tornadoes, that occurred on Jan. 10 through Jan. 18, 2020. Approval is limited to applicants who suffered severe physical losses only, including the loss of buildings and livestock. Applications are due by Nov. 19, 2020.

“Arkansas’s hardworking ag producers feed our neighbors, the nation and the world,” said State Executive Director David Curtis. “When they suffer losses because of extreme weather, helping them get back on their feet is important. We encourage those affected to reach out to their local USDA Service Center to apply for these emergency loans.”

Producers in the contiguous Arkansas counties of Arkansas, Baxter, Bradley, Carroll, Cleveland, Conway, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Desha, Faulkner, Garland, IZard, Jefferson, Johnson, Lincoln, Madison, Newton, Poinsett, Pope, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, Scott, Sebastian, Sharp, Stone, Union, Van Buren, White, and Yell, along with East Carroll, Morehouse, Union, and West Carroll parishes in Louisiana, and Bolivar, Issaquena and Washington counties in Mississippi, and Dunklin, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, , and Taney in Missouri, and Dyer, Lauderdale, Shelby, and Tipton in Tennessee are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

Physical loss loans can help producers repair or replace damaged or destroyed physical property essential to the success of the agricultural operation, including livestock losses. Examples of property

commonly affected include essential farm buildings, fixtures to real estate, equipment, livestock, perennial crops, fruit and nut bearing trees, and harvested or stored crops and hay.

For more information on FSA disaster assistance programs or to find your local USDA Service Center visit farmers.gov/recover.

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