

Central Holmes Elementary Students Learn About Life Below the Soil

Photos Submitted



Central Holmes Christian School Elementary students got the opportunity to learn about life that grows below their feet. The Holmes County Soil and Water District hosted a “Soil Tunnel” provided by Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation District last week at the Central Holmes campus in Lexington. Students grades 4th, 5th and 6th, learned where bacteria and fungi thrive, visited the homes of earth dwelling creatures like worms and moles, the functions of soil, and the different types, among other concepts. Participating students included: 4th grade, Mary Hayden Hatchcock, Heidi Hudson, Paicey Ingram, Lydia Killebrew, Ally Kyzar, Wilkes Rutledge and Avery Taylor; 5th grade, Preston Carnathan, Hallie Fancher, Hanna Hood, Zoey Jones, Jonathan Langford, Cooper Logan, Reid Logan, Allie Rae McBride, Dorian Nash, Emma Steen, Claire Tate, Jaxon Tate, Joseph Walbert and Chloe Word; 6th grade, Brandon Bryd, Carson Burrell, William Thomas Clark, Anna Duke, Logan Engle, Bryan Gallagher, Zarai Hammond, Hayes Hester, Steven Thomas Holder, Matthew Jefferson, McKenzie Lloyd, Collin McGee, Hattie Melton, Cardell Mitchell, Daynie Parish, Susie Lane Pritchard, Kate Riley, Ryleigh Scott, Kade Ward, Katlyn Weatherby and Bennett Word.

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MS counties designated disaster areas by USDA

Press Release

Twenty Mississippi counties have been designated as primary disaster areas by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue due to crop losses caused by excessive rainfall and prolonged flooding that occurred from April 1 to June 30, 2018. Farm operators in the

designated primary counties and the counties contiguous to the primary counties are eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided that eligibility requirements are met.

This assistance includes FSA emergency loans. Farmers in eligible areas have eight months from the date of the Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans.

“I appreciate Governor Phil Bryant’s assistance in requesting a disaster designation, and I appreciate Secretary Perdue and USDA for their prompt review and approval of our request. This designation will provide our farmers with needed assistance.

I encourage our farmers in designated counties to reach out to their local FSA offices,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. The primary counties

named in the Secretarial disaster designation include: Adams, Alcorn, Clay, DeSoto, George, Greene, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jackson, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Stone, Tishomingo, Tunica, and Union.

Contiguous counties in Mississippi include: Benton, Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Coahoma, Forrest, Franklin, Grenada, Hancock, Harrison, Holmes, Humphreys, Jefferson, Lafayette, Marshall, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tippah, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, Yalobusha, and Yazoo.

Contiguous counties and parishes in the adjacent states of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee are also included. Farmers impacted in these areas can obtain further information from their local FSA offices.

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