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USDA/NRCS is now accepting applications for the Ag. Conservation Easement Program

Press Release

The United States Depart-

March 6, 2020.

sion of productive working This program consists lands to non-agricultural ment of Agricultural Natu- of two components: the uses and maximizes protecral Resources Conservation Agricultural Land Ease- tion of land devoted to food Service (USDA-NRCS) is ment (ALE) option and the production. The WRE opnow accepting applications Wetland Reserve Easement tion restores, protects, and for the Agricultural Conser- (WRE) option. The ALE as- enhances enrolled wetlands vation Easement Program sists conservation organiza- and improves wildlife habi-(ACEP). The deadline is tions to prevent the convertat. Eligible WRE lands

include farmed or prior- partnerships for land ease- Jason Keenan. "We invite converted wetlands that can ments. Applications will be any interested applicant to be successfully and cost-ef- accepted from eligible enti- visit with us to learn more fectively restored.

the landowners of Mississippi. We are proud to provide this service throughout servationist Kurt Readus.

ties for potential ALE proj- about the easement pro-"It is imperative we edu- ects. Landowners interested grams USDA-NRCS can cate and promote ACEP to in WRE easements should offer." local field office.

cal land trusts to develop servationist for Easements, 6, 2020.

submit an application at the Applications are currently being accepted and "This is an exciting new can be obtained anytime the state" said State Con- opportunity for even more at your local field office or people to get involved in available online at www. Landowners interested the long-term conservation nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted. in Agricultural Land Ease- of our natural resources," The application deadline ments should contact lo- said Assistant State Con- for consideration is March



John Hudson Word showed the Champion Simmental (Bull) in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holm- Davian Powell showed the Champion Braunvieh Heifer in the 2020 Holmes County es County Livestock Barn in Lexington. Also pictured is Judge David Hind- 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn (Photo by Julie Ellison) in Lexington.



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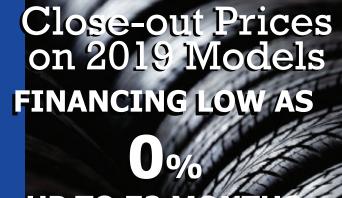
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