

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

Press Release

The United States Department of Agricultural Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is now accepting applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). The deadline is

March 6, 2020.

This program consists of two components: the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) option and the Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) option. The ALE assists conservation organizations to prevent the conver-

sion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses and maximizes protection of land devoted to food production. The WRE option restores, protects, and enhances enrolled wetlands and improves wildlife habitat. Eligible WRE lands

include farmed or prior-converted wetlands that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored.

“It is imperative we educate and promote ACEP to the landowners of Mississippi. We are proud to provide this service throughout the state” said State Conservationist Kurt Readus.

Landowners interested in Agricultural Land Easements should contact local land trusts to develop

partnerships for land easements. Applications will be accepted from eligible entities for potential ALE projects. Landowners interested in WRE easements should submit an application at the local field office.

“This is an exciting new opportunity for even more people to get involved in the long-term conservation of our natural resources,” said Assistant State Conservationist for Easements,

Jason Keenan. “We invite any interested applicant to visit with us to learn more about the easement programs USDA-NRCS can offer.”

Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained anytime at your local field office or available online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted. The application deadline for consideration is March 6, 2020.



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



Davian Powell showed the Champion Braunvieh Heifer in the 2020 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 25 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington. (Photo by Julie Ellison)

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