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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Announces Funds to Help Mississippi Agricultural Producers Improve Migratory Bird Habitat extended through June 9, 2023

JACKSON, Miss, May 8, 2023 – Mississippi's State Conservationist Kurt Readus of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced today additional signup through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) to provide financial assistance for enhancing and managing habitats for Migratory Birds.

The counties included as part of this targeted effort to improve migratory bird habitat through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are Adams, Bolivar, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Itawamba, Jefferson, Leflore, Monroe, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, and Yazoo Counties.

"The Migratory Bird Resurgence Initiative (MBRI) contributes to ensuring these migratory birds are conserved for generations to come," said Readus.

The EQIP Migratory Bird Resurgence Initiative (MBRI) is aimed at preserving and protecting habitat for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, neotropical, and other avian species in Mississippi Flyways with conservation practices standards (CPS) 327– Conservation Cover, (CPS) 356 – Dike (CPS) 587– Structure for Water Control, (CPS) 644– Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management, (CPS) 646– Shallow Water Development and Management and possibly (CPS) 647– Early Successional Habitat Development and Management.

How to Apply

NRCS accepts applications for its conservation programs year-round. However, producers interested in the Migratory Bird Resurgence Initiative (MBRI) should contact their local [USDA Service Center](#) to apply by **June 9, 2023**, to be considered for funding in the current cycle.

More Information

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