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Two USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service MRBI Projects in Arkansas Set June 12, 2020, Application Deadline

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 11, 2020 – USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces a funding is available in two Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds (MRBI) projects in Arkansas. Agriculture producers in the Cache MRBI and Cadron Creek Brewer Lake MRBI projects have until June 12, 2020, to apply for funding consideration through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to implement conservation practices to improve water quality.

“We’ve learned that when we partner with producers to deliver conservation practices to critical watersheds, we see a positive impact,” said NRCS State Conservationist in Arkansas Mike Sullivan. “Through these partnerships we maximize the delivery of our conservation efforts which yields greater results to water quality and benefits the public, our natural resources and farmers’ bottom lines.”

NRCS accepts applications for conservation programs year-round, but applications are ranked and funded by enrollment periods that are set locally. Producers interested in technical and financial assistance should contact their [local NRCS field office](#).

USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field offices in Arkansas are open by phone appointment only until further notice, and NRCS staff are available to continue to provide one-on-one, customer-specific advice to producers to help them meet their unique conservation and business goals.

All USDA Service Centers, including those with NRCS field offices, are not currently accessible to customers in person.

NRCS staff are working with customers through phone, mail and online communications, and field work continues with appropriate social distancing to help producers with conservation planning and financial assistance through Farm Bill programs.

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Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the [Conservation Client Gateway link which can be found at www.nrcs.usda.gov](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov). Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance and electronically sign documents.

Arkansas has five MRBI projects covering 23 watersheds and four NWQI projects in seven watersheds. More than \$8.7 million is being invested in these projects this year.