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GREETINGS FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR

150 Years of Dedication and Service to Rural America



*Janie Dunning
Missouri State
Director*

During 2012, USDA celebrated 150 years in existence. Several events were held around the country and in Missouri to commemorate the history and work of USDA. Participating in some of these events made me reflect back on our past accomplishments - which are many. Over the years, we have had many changes take place and our employees have always been able to adapt to those changes. One thing that has never changed is our dedication to assisting people in rural Missouri improve their quality of life. Whether that is through our Single Family Housing program and providing a family with a home, or our Water and Waste program where we improve the water or sewer system in a community or

through our Business and Industry program where we help create jobs or any other examples of our 40+ programs available to assist rural life.

I recently was thinking about the programs we offer and what the public's perception is of our Agency. I know we have a lot of support from elected officials and the communities we serve. But, do we really make a difference in communities? USDA Rural Development is the only Federal Agency that is really assisting the "rural" parts of the state with almost any need they might have.

One thing that seems to surprise most people about us is the fact that we are not a "give away" Agency. This is often the perception of some people about Rural Development's programs. In fact, in Missouri, when you take our total funding for Fiscal Year 2012, grants only account for 5.5 % of the funds expended. Loan guarantees account for 61% and direct loans for 33.5%. What is also remarkable is that administratively it only costs 1.5 cents for every dollar expended for Rural Development staff to deliver our programs. I see this as a very efficient operation.

We truly do make a difference in rural Missouri and I have my staff to thank for this success. Because of them, we are able to get the funds out to those in need. We have some great examples of the assistance we have provided in this edition of the newsletter. We hope you enjoy and remember—we truly care about the communities we serve!

Janie Dunning

State Director



Fiscal Year 2012 Accomplishments

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

Statewide

- \$992 MILLION invested in support of economic development
- \$2.7 MILLION delivered each day in Missouri to improve quality of life
- 1.5 CENTS in administrative cost for every dollar distributed

Housing

- Over 5,700 households assisted with affordable housing representing
- \$586 MILLION in affordable housing assistance
- 671 Multi-Family Housing complexes administered
- 2nd largest number of complexes in the nation
- 14,739 elderly and family households served

Electric

- 10 projects to electric cooperatives
- \$253 MILLION to improve electrical service

Business

- \$21.7 MILLION loan guarantees for rural businesses to save and create jobs

Water

- 43 loans and grants
- \$45 MILLION for adequate drinking water and improved waste disposal

Community

- 56 projects benefited with \$52 MILLION investment
- Supported health care projects, public safety, public facilities, maintenance vehicles, libraries and other community facilities

Fiscal Year 2012 was another outstanding year for Missouri Rural Development. Staff continued to provide excellent service and find solutions to meet the needs of rural Missouri residents. Through program delivery, staff were able to improve the quality of life for thousands of residents and visitors.

The 2012 Highlights present the tax dollars returned and the number of beneficiaries. With these tax dollar investments, 1,514 Missouri jobs were created or retained.

Thank you to our clients, partners and supporters for another productive year. Missouri Rural Development is honored and will continue to be “partners in enhancing economic opportunity and improving the quality of life in rural Missouri”.



Joplin Renewed



Ozark Gateway Association of Realtors



Wade and Kelsey Harper

On May 22, 2011, Joplin and Jasper and Newton Counties were hit by a EF5 tornado. Since that day, affected communities have been recovering, repairing, recuperating and reviving. To assist in those efforts, Rural Development (RD) provided Section 502 Guaranteed Single Family Housing and Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans. From January 2012 through October 2012, in partnership with local lenders, RD assisted 217 families with home loans in the amount of \$22,612,041. To assist with home purchases through the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan program, RD was able to issue a population waiver which allowed the program to be utilized despite Joplin's population exceeding the 20,000 limit. The waiver has been extended through September 2013. On October 11, 2012, Missouri State RD Director Janie Dunning and Deputy Under Secretary Doug O'Brien hosted an event on the campus of Missouri Southern State University to congratulate Joplin and Jasper and Newton Counties on the recovery efforts and to thank several community partners: Arvest Bank, Community Bank and Trust, Hometown Bank, Pioneer Warehouse, Red-wood Development, Ozark Gateway Association of Realtors and Wade and Kelsey Harper. Only through working partnerships and the dedication of businesses and organizations like these represented has Joplin and Jasper and Newton Counties been able to triumph over tragedy.



Arvest Bank



Pioneer Warehouse and Logistics



Red-wood Development Inc.



Community Bank and Trust



Hometown Bank

Community Projects



The new Andrew County Jail

Andrew County, Missouri has a new county jail facility. Janie Dunning, State Director; Doug O'Brien, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development; Clark Thomas, Missouri Community Programs Director; Sara Loe, State Architect; Neal Miller, Area Director and Stan Wolfe, Area Specialist attended the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on October 12, 2012.

The new facility will be staffed by 11 jailers and 4 dispatchers. The new jail contains 17,600 square feet and is capable of housing 63 inmates. The facility provides law enforcement services for the entire Andrew County area.

The Andrew County Public Benefit Corporation financed the project by obtaining two (2) Rural Development loans of \$5.2 million and \$700,000. Ms. Dunning stated, "Funding for the new building is another example of Rural Development being able to fill a gap and meet a need identified by a community. The facility should provide Andrew County many years of quality service."

Moberly Area Community College (MACC) held a ground-breaking ceremony in Hannibal on November 7, 2012 for the college's new Higher Education Center. The new facility is being financed in part through a Rural Development Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) of \$1,000,000. Ralls County Electric Cooperative is the intermediary lender for MACC. The facility will contain 16,890 square feet. Current enrollment at Hannibal is 301 students. The building will include classrooms, a library and faculty and staff offices. State Director Janie Dunning attended the ceremony. Ms. Dunning stated, "Education is such an important part of creating community. Moberly Area Community College and the City of Hannibal are congratulated on their ability to see the future and take a proactive approach to meeting needs. The same can be said of the Ralls County Electric Cooperative. Thanks to everyone for being participating partners."



MACC President Jorgenson and State Director Dunning



The old Andrew County Jail



Kahoka VFD Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Members of the City of Kahoka Volunteer Fire Department can breathe easier; literally. With a Community Facility grant of \$5,700 and a city contribution of \$6,352, five (5) Self-contained Breathing Apparatus were obtained.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS WEBSITE



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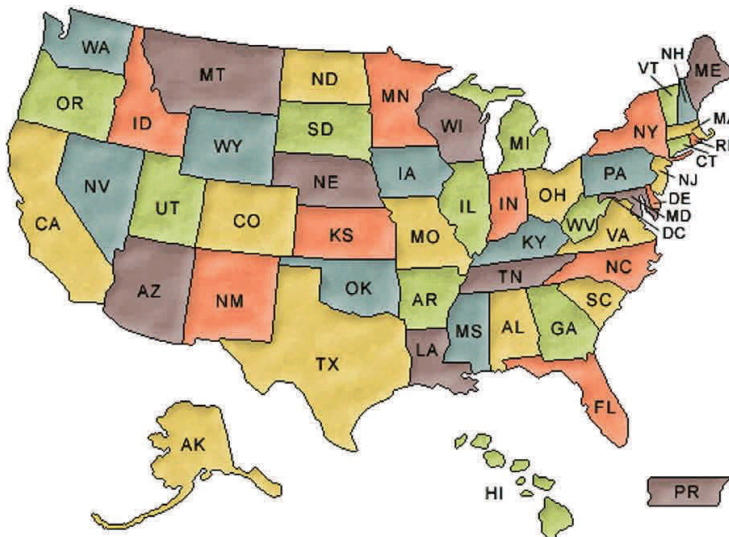
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Rural Development Accomplishments 2009-2011

Community Building | Alternative Energy | Local & Regional Food Systems | Strategic Partners | Regional Collaboration | Capital Markets | Broadband

For examples of our success stories in a particular state, click on the map below:



Want to learn more about the projects in which Missouri communities are engaged? By visiting the USDA website, <http://www.rurdeve.usda.gov/RDSuccessStoreis.html>, you can locate projects in Missouri and throughout the United States. The website allow you to click on a state and obtain a listing of accomplishments for the state. You will be able to read success stories and learn more about the programs with a Fast Facts box imbedded in the story. Among the success stories for Missouri is the use of Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) funds by North Central Missouri College to expand their campus facilities to allow for increased enrollment in their agriculture and natural resources program or the City of Annapolis' use of Water and Environmental Program loan and grant funds to upgrade their treatment facility which allowed the city to improve service while adding new users meaning more revenue for the community.

HISPANIC/WOMEN FARMERS/RANCHERS CLAIMS PROCESS

Attention Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

The Obama administration is building a new era for civil rights at USDA, and working to provide justice for all Americans. **If you think you might be eligible to file a claim, access the Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Call Center or Website:**

1-888-508-4429
www.farmerclaims.gov

For guidance, you may contact an attorney or other legal service provider in your community. If you are currently represented by an attorney regarding allegations of discrimination or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination, you should contact your attorney regarding this claims process. USDA cannot provide legal advice to you.



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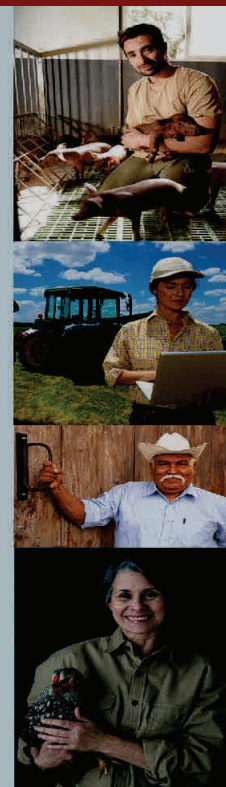
Atención A Todos Agricultores O Ganaderos Hispanos Y A Mujeres Agricultoras O Ganaderas

Si usted considera que el Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos (USDA por sus siglas en inglés) le negó indebidamente beneficios de préstamos agrícolas durante los años 1981 y 2000 por ser hispano o mujer, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para solicitar compensación.

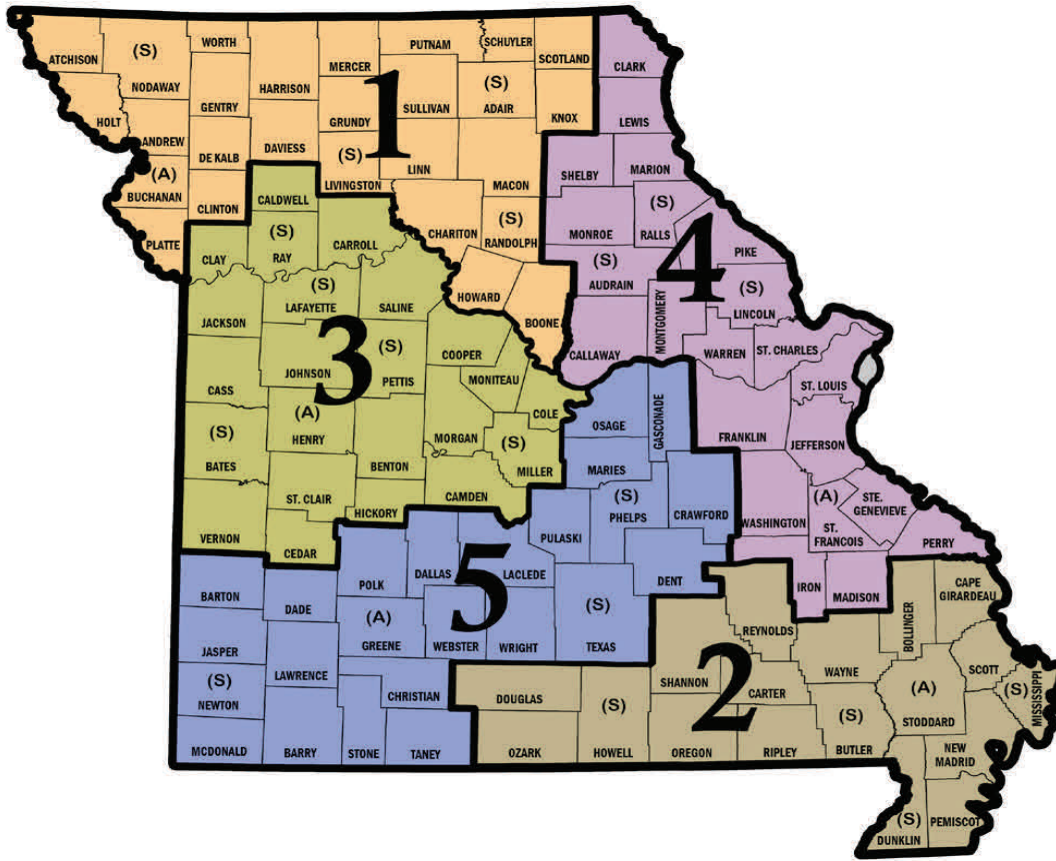
La Administración del Presidente Obama está construyendo una nueva era en los derechos civiles en el USDA y está trabajando para tratar a todo estadounidense con justicia. **Si usted considera que es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para solicitar compensación, por favor llame al Centro de Llamadas para Agricultores y Ganaderos Hispanos o Mujeres Agricultoras y Ganaderas o ingrese a la página web:**

1-888-508-4429
www.farmerclaims.gov

Para recibir mayor orientación, puede comunicarse con un abogado u otro proveedor de servicios legales en su comunidad. Si actualmente lo representa un abogado con respecto a quejas de discriminación o ha iniciado una demanda alegando discriminación por el USDA, debe ponerse en contacto con su abogado con respecto a este proceso de reclamaciones. El USDA no le puede dar asesoría legal.



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