



ACTIVITY REPORT for the
Madison County SWCD Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2024

Farm Bill Programs Funding:

FY 2024 Approvals

Table with 2 columns: Madison Field Office Applications Funded, Amount. Rows include 4- Madison FO Fund Code (\$382,347.00), 2- EQIP IRA (\$40,564.00), 5- Longleaf Pine (\$214,502.00), 5- RCPP 1-pending (86,915.00), 31- EQIP Hurricane Idalia (\$467,865.00), 6- CSP (\$495,715.00), and Total Amount (1,687,908).

Madison Field Office Active Contracts (All Programs)

- 84 Madison and Taylor County Active Contracts as of August 20, 2024
o Total obligated amount for 84 contracts: \$2,710,863.89

Other:

- Madison staff update
o Clifford Starling was named to the permanent District Conservationist and his first day was August 12th, 2024
o Michelle Alvarez Beauchamp started as Soil Conservationist on July 29th, 2024.
o Renovations have started on the Madison Field Office in both the FSA and the NRCS portion of the building and FSA has relocated to Jefferson County FO and currently NRCS has relocated to Live Oak.
o NRCS Madison FO would like to request temporary office space from the Madison Soil and Water Board until the renovations have been completed or the board requires their space back to house an employee.

- Hurricane Debby
  - NRCS Madison would like for the Madison County Soil and Water Board to have a discussion in the minutes of the meeting to discuss damage that has been reported or seen to or by the board members of damage from Hurricane Debby. This will be used by NRCS to develop a report that will be turned into FSA to help them determine the need for emergency assistance in our area.
  - Reports received by DOF and NRCS have been far less than we had with Idalia but it seems that isolated pockets were worse than others. Many reports have come back that on average of reports of forestry damage was in the ballpark of 5% with Debby with downed trees.
  
- Program Deadlines
  - USDA-NRCS cost share programs deadline for 2025 have been set for application for **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. This deadline is good for all programs.

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