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Assistance Program for Arkansas Aquaculture Producers

The Arkansas Agriculture Department has concluded an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to distribute \$3 million of grant funds to Arkansas aquaculture producers to help offset higher-than-expected feed costs during 2009.

The aquaculture program is part of a larger assistance program for farmers, especially Southern farmers, who experienced crop losses from extremely wet weather during 2009 and a program to assist poultry growers who lost production contracts resulting from poultry processing companies filing for bankruptcy.

The Arkansas aquaculture program will be administered by Ted McNulty, director of the Arkansas Agriculture Department's aquaculture division. Meetings to explain the program will be held at Lake Village October 4, Lonoke October 5 and Jonesboro October 6.

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