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Subject:

FSP - Request to Extend Waiver No. 970129 - Missouri

To:

Arthur T. Foley
Director
Program Development Division
Food Stamp Program
Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594

Attached is a request from the State of Missouri to extend the subject waiver. Under this waiver, individuals in certain areas are exempt from the work requirements of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act. This request affects the following areas:

Benton County	Madison County	Stoddard County
Caldwell County	Mississippi County	Stone County
Dent County	New Madrid County	Taney County
Douglas County	Pemiscot County	Texas County
Hickory County	Pulaski County	Washington County
Iron County	St. Louis City	Wayne County
Linn County	St. Francois County	Wright County

This request adds Dent and Polaski Counties to the covered areas and removes Bollinger, Clark, Crawford, Dunklin, Miller, Ozark, and Shannon Counties.

Based on the justification submitted with the State's request, we recommend approval be granted through February 28, 2002. If there are any questions concerning this request, or if you need additional information, Kathie Herrman may be contacted at (303) 844-0347 or by e-mail at kathie.herrman@fns.usda.gov.

Pamela Blather
for
ALLAN C. NICKELS
Regional Director
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Attachment



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January 3, 2001

Allan C. Nickels
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Food Stamp Program
USDA Food and Nutrition Service
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Dear Mr. Nickels:

Attached, with supporting documentation from the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, is Missouri's request to extend the waiver of the provisions at Section 6 (0)(2) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Public Law 104-193 allows the Secretary to grant to the state a waiver of the three-month food stamp eligibility restriction for certain able-bodied adults without dependents age 18 to 50.

We are requesting an extension of the waiver for counties designated as labor surplus areas. There are currently no Missouri counties with an unemployment rate in excess of 10 percent.

Please feel free to contact Jody Cornwell at 573-751-3178 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,


Denise Cross
Director

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AREAS COVERED BY THE REQUEST:

Benton County	Pulaski County
Caldwell County	St. Louis City
Dent County	St. Francois County
Douglas County	Stoddard County
Hickory County	Stone County
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Pemiscot County	

See attached October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, Labor Surplus Areas published by the U. S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, United States Employment Service.

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH WAIVER IS BEING REQUESTED:

Request due to lack of sufficient jobs i.e.: Labor Surplus Areas

DURATION OF WAIVER: One year, March 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002.

BASIS FOR REQUEST: The U. S. Department of Labor has designated the areas covered by this request as Labor Surplus Areas in the State of Missouri. By definition of the U. S. Department of Labor, a civil jurisdiction is classified as a labor surplus area when its average unemployment rate was at least 20 percent above the average unemployment rate for all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) during the two previous calendar years. Civil jurisdictions with an average unemployment rate of 6

percent or higher for this two year period meet the Labor Surplus Area designation. See attached Eligible Labor Surplus Areas for Missouri as designated by the U. S. Department of Labor. This Fiscal Year 2000 listing for Missouri Civil Jurisdictions designated as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor is in effect until September 2001.