Farmers’ Resource List: Monroe County

This fact sheet addresses the resources that are available to farmers in Monroe County, Missouri.

Lincoln University (LU) provides farmers with education on crop production, crop protection, soil fertility, food safety, certified Commercial kitchen, and USDA grants and programs that are available to them to grow their operations, improve their practices, and increase their income. Lincoln University also helps farmers apply for these grants and programs.

University of Missouri (MU) offers in-person and online programming, publications, and information in the following areas: agriculture and environment, business and community, health and safety, and youth and family.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) helps farmers by ensuring a strong safety net through loan programs and insurance policies. FSA programs include Specialty Crops Insurance, Operating Loans, Microloans, Farm Ownership Loans, Guaranteed Loans, Youth Loans, Emergency Farm Loans, and Native American Tribal Loans.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps farmers develop conservation solutions to protect natural resources. NRCS also aids farmers in managing financial risk through diversification, marketing and/or conservation practices of natural resources. They provide farmers with financial and technical
Lincoln University Cooperative Extension may be contacted for information on who to contact for what help is needed. Other services include:

- Farm need assessment
- Variety selection
- Soil fertility management
- Insect management
- Disease control
- Bookkeeping
- Information on grants and programs that are beneficial to farmers and are available to them
- Trainings on farming and sustainability
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- Information on Certified Commercial Kitchen

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<td>▪ Provide training to farmers on how to comply with the PSR</td>
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