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FmHA AN No. 1753 (1951)

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SUBJECT: Softwood Timber Program

TO: State Directors, District Directors,  
and County Supervisors, FmHA

ATTN: Farmer Programs Chiefs

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME

The purpose of this AN is to clarify that softwood timber can be produced on the same land that is in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), Softwood Timber (ST) loan program.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN

This AN supplements FmHA AN 1716 (1951) dated January 28, 1988.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Farmer Program borrowers' should be encouraged to use existing ASCS cost-sharing programs for forestry purposes such as planting, care, and harvesting of softwood timber trees. Borrowers can use the CRP, ASCS cost-sharing programs, and the FmHA ST loan program on the same land if they meet the requirements of all programs. ASCS can pay up to 50 percent of the cost of the trees and site preparation and FmHA can make a loan for the other 50 percent of the cost. You should advise borrowers who wish to participate in the ST loan program to contact their County ASCS Office for information about the ASCS cost-sharing programs for softwood tree production.

EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 1989

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
Preceding FmHA  
Instruction 1951-A

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