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20250

FmHA AN No. 2136 (1940)

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SUBJECT: Conservation Practices Where Center Pivot  
Irrigation Systems Are Used

TO: State Directors, District Directors, and County  
Supervisors

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to provide guidance to the field offices in assuring that prudent soil conservation and management practices are implemented in conjunction with the processing and routine servicing of Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) loans where center pivot type irrigation systems are utilized.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been issued concerning this subject.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Food Security Act of 1985 (FSA) requires all farmers to have had an approved conservation plan in place by December 31, 1989. Presently all applicants and borrowers applying for FmHA assistance are required to present documentation certifying their compliance with the FSA. In conjunction with the intent of the FSA, there is concern that the corner areas of fields irrigated with center pivot type irrigation systems are not adequately managed by farmers to ensure prudent soil conservation practices. While these fields may not be considered highly erodible or wetland type soils under the FSA, they may be subject to above average soil losses.

Applicants and borrowers that utilize center pivot type irrigation systems will be encouraged to obtain advice and guidance from the local Soil Conservation Service (SCS) office

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 1991

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:  
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regarding the best use for these unreached corners. The SCS is best qualified to advise what suitable conservation practices to follow. These practices will be discussed with the applicants/borrowers and documented in Section C. of the Farm and Home Plan as part of the routine planning process.

Applicants and borrowers will be encouraged to follow and implement good soil management practices as recommended by SCS and agreed upon with the County Supervisor.



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Administrator

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