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KANSAS FSA ANNOUNCES COUNTY OFFICE CONSOLIDATION MEETINGS

MANHATTAN, KS (February 15, 2007) -- Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas USDA Farm Service Agency, recently announced the consolidation of eleven FSA County Offices in Kansas.

FSA will conduct information meetings in each of the eleven counties to review why the office was chosen for consolidation, how the consolidation will happen, and options for the farmers and ranchers in the county. Fuller will also hear comments from the public on the proposed consolidations.

Kansas FSA is striving to maintain an optimum network of FSA facilities, staffing, training, and technology with a declining budget and shrinking staff. When the review of FSA County Offices began in 2006, there were 103 Kansas FSA County Offices with 32 of those being shared management offices. The restructuring plan will eliminate shared-management resulting in reduced travel expenses, increased efficiencies and offices that are more fully staffed.

The public is invited to attend the following meetings. All meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m.

- **Wabaunsee County** – February 26, 2007, Alma Community Center, 244 East 11th Street, Alma.
- **Geary County** – February 27, 2007, Courtyard Marriott, 310 Hammons Drive, Junction City.
- **Elk County** – March 6, 2007, West Elk High School Auditorium, 1199 South Hwy 99, Howard.
- **Woodson County** – March 7, 2007, 4-H Community Building, Woodson County Fairgrounds, South Hwy 75, Yates Center.
- **Johnson County** – March 8, 2007, Open Class Building, Johnson County Fairgrounds, Gardner.
- **Leavenworth County** – March 9, 2007, 4-H Building, 101 4-H Road, Lansing.
- **Barber County** – March 13, 2007, Heritage Center, KAN 1056 SE Isabel Road, Medicine Lodge.
- **Comanche County** – March 14, 2007, South Central High School Gymnasium, 600 N. Leavenworth, Coldwater.

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- **Morton County** – March 15, 2007, City Hall, 433 Morton, Elkhart.
- **Gove County** – March 16, 2007, Gove County Office Building, 520 Washington, Gove.
- **Chase County** – March 19, 2007, Chase County Community Building, Swope Park, Cottonwood Falls.

The restructuring plan can be revised if new information or considerations are heard at the public meetings. Fuller will meet with FSA employees and FSA County Committees in affected counties prior to the public meetings.

The Kansas FSA County Office Restructuring Plan can be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov/ks.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Betty Unterberger at 1-785-539-3531 or email betty.unterberger@ks.usda.gov at least three days prior to the meeting date.

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