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FINNEY COUNTY TOUR TO CELEBRATE CRP 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Garden City, Kansas, October 24, 2006 ---The Finney County Farm Service Agency (FSA) and associated conservation partners invite the public to join us for a special field tour to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

A tour will be held on November 8, 2006, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the event beginning at 9:00 a.m. Participants are asked to meet at the Grandstands Meeting Room, Finney County Fairgrounds, 209 Lake, Garden City. Bus transportation will be provided from there to the CRP tour sites and back. The tour will conclude with lunch. Those interested in attending the event shall pre-register with the Finney County FSA by November 2, 2006, by calling 620-275-0211, ext. 222, or email patty.stude@ks.usda.gov. Persons with special needs or disabilities should contact FSA for proper accommodations.

This tour will allow opportunities to view and learn about CRP conservation practices. Conservation experts and landowners will share their experiences and explain the environmental benefits of CRP practices.

Finney County has 80,983.9 acres of CRP on 578 contracts.

The CRP is recognized as the largest and most important conservation initiative between the Federal government and private land owners instituted in our country's history. Nationwide, there are nearly a half million producers who have currently enrolled more than 35 million acres in this program. CRP participants can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. The rewards extend well beyond farms and into our daily lives. The rewards of improved soil conservation, cleaner air and water, and enhanced wildlife habitat benefit us all today and extend to future generations.

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