

**For:** County Offices

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**Specialized Operations for Farm Loan Program Applications**

**Approved by:** Acting State Executive Director

/s/ Michael Sander

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**1 Overview**

**A Purpose**

The purpose of this Notice is to provide information and direction for all FSA staff when processing applications from specialized operations.

**2 County Office Action**

**A Implementation**

The county office personnel must contact Mark Wilke, Farm Loan Specialist, whenever an application or serious inquiry is received concerning farm loans to specialized enterprises. Specialized enterprises include confinement hog operations, confinement cattle operations, poultry operations, dairy operations, aquatic operations, buffalo operations, etc., located on small tracts, or in connection with traditional farming operations. This shall include existing, expanding or the development of new specialized enterprises. The initial contact to the State Office should be a phone call or email. This initial contact may result in an email to proceed with the application subject to conditions or a request for the application to be submitted to the State Office prior to approval.

This action is being required because of the number of applications being received in the field involving specialized operations. Also, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is increasing their requirements and controls over these types of operations. Environmental questions should be directed to Paul Cernik, Farm Loan Specialist and Environmental Coordinator.

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**Disposal Date**

June 1, 2009

**Distribution**

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